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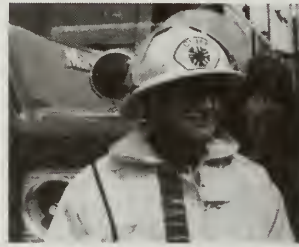
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The Towers from Squam Lake Shore
Holderness, N.H.

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**ANNUAL REPORT
of the
OFFICERS
of the
TOWN OF
HOLDERNESS
New Hampshire**

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DEDICATION of the 2007 ANNUAL REPORT



After serving the community of Holderness for forty three years, Fire Chief, Richard "Dick" Mardin retired in 2007.

A lifetime resident of Holderness, Dick joined the Fire Department in 1964 as the 3rd generation member of the Mardin family to become involved with the department. Dick was promoted to Captain in March of 1968 and to Deputy Chief in 1970 and moved up the ladder to become Chief of the department in 1989. In 2002 the Town authorized establishing a full time Fire Chief's position in which Dick filled. During the forty three years as a member of the department Dick spent thirty six years as a Deputy Warden/Warden appointed through the NH Division of Forest & Lands. With the addition of the full time chief duties, Dick also took on the role of the Town's health and compliance officer.

During his tenure with the department Dick was involved in the addition of many new pieces of fire apparatus including the purchase of three new fire trucks, a rescue vehicle, a forestry pickup, a rescue boat, a snowmobile with rescue sled and was the leader in the restoration of the model A fire truck. Dick was always the "go to" person during the relocation and development of the new police/fire station. Under Dick's command the Holderness Fire Department was the department to call when another Town's fire department was having a difficult time getting water to a fire scene. Dick was known as the Chief of a department that could get water from a sponge.

For your superb leadership and long service to the community of Holderness, we thank you Richard "Dick" Mardin, and dedicate this annual report to you.

WE REMEMBER...

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done,
I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing
times and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who
grieve, to dry before the sun
of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

Author Unknown

WITH FOND MEMORIES WE REMEMBER THE CITIZENS WE HAVE LOST THIS YEAR

Ivis Avery
Patsy Davis
George Humphrey, Sr.
Edgar Lessard
Donna Somers

Edith Cronin
Thomas Farnham
Brian Howe
Georgette Robinson

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2008 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

TOWN OFFICERS

ASSESSORS' AGENT

Corcoran Consulting Association
Wil Corcoran

BOOKKEEPER

Wendy Huff

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Lawrence Beeson 3/2010
Sallie Fellows 3/2008
Martha Macomber (School Board)
Kurt Magnus 3/2009
Peter Webster (S.L.)

COMPLIANCE OFFICER /HEALTH OFFICER

Richard Mardin *

(Retired)
David Lorch, Appointed

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Janet Cocchiaro 3/2009
Shelagh Connelly (Alt) 3/2010
Barbara Currier, (S.L.)
Jacquelyn Jewell 3/2008
Nancy McDonald 3/2009
Anne Packard 3/2008
Larry Spencer, Chrm 3/2009
Betsy Whitmore (Alt) 3/2010

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Peter Furmanick-Highway Agent

Dennis Hughes

Robert Potter

Lewis Thompson

EMERGENCY MGT. SERVICES

Earl Hansen-Director
Harry Maybeck 3/2009

FIRE CHIEF

Richard Mardin

*(Retired)

Eleanor Mardin, Appointed

FIRE WARDEN

Richard Mardin *

FIRE WARDS

** David Dupuis 3/2009
** Earl Hansen 3/2010
** Harold Maybeck 3/2008

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD

** Jane Barry 3/2008
** Robert Heiner 3/2009
** Martha Macomber, Chr 3/2009
** Wendy Mersch 3/2010
** Jonathan Stewart 3/2010

HOLDERNESS SCHOOL CLERK

** Sara Weinberg 3/2010

HOLDERNESS SCHOOL TREASURER

** Kathleen Whittemore 3/2008

HOLDERNESS SCHOOL MODERATOR

** Malcolm "Tink" Taylor 3/2008

HONOR ROLL COMMITTEE

Barbara Currier, S.L.

Harry Decker, Chrm.

Edward Ford

Patricia Ford

Russell Morin

Sandy Ray

Lyle Thompson, Jr.

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

Robert Snelling

Bruce Whitmore

LIBRARIAN

Suzanne Peoples

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

** Wendell Broom 3/2008 Appt.

** Todd Elgin 3/2007 Res.

** Frances "Kay" Hanson 3/2009

** Sandra Ray 3/2008

** Jean Swindell 3/2008

** Laurence Webster 3/2009

MODERATOR

** Ross V. Deachman 3/2009

TOWN OFFICERS - Continued

MUNICIPAL SECRETARY

Anne Abear

OVERSEER OF WELFARE

Krystal Alpers

Louis Pare-Deputy

Kathleen Wieliczko-Deputy

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

Malcolm "Tink" Taylor

Peg Winton, Chair

PLANNER

David Lorch

PLANNING BOARD

Angela Franceso 3/2010

Earl Hansen, Chrm 3/2008

David Horton 3/2010

Suzanne Peoples, S.L.

Nancy Scothorne 3/2009

Robert Snelling,
Vice Chrm 3/2009

Randolph Currier, Alt 3/2010

Todd Elgin, Alt 3/2010

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief-Jeremiah Patridge

Lieutenant-Barry D. Tanner

Sergeant-Erik F. DiFilippe

Patrol Officer & Hold. School

Resource Officer-

Michael Barney

Patrol Officer- David Bourne

Patrol Officer-Seth I. Learned

Stephanie MacKay -

Secretary - Resigned

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Wendy Werner, Director

RECREATION BOARD

John Fogarty 3/2009

Sidney Lovett, S.L.

Janis Messier 3/2008

Fawn Ouellette 3/2009

Thomas Stepp, Chrm. 3/2010

Robert Stark 3/2009

George Sutcliffe 3/2008

SELECTMEN

** Barbara Currier 3/2010

** Peter S. Francesco, Chr 3/2008

** Sidney Lovett 3/2009

** Suzanne Peoples 3/2008

** Peter Webster, Vice Chr 3/2010

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

** Frances K. Hanson 3/2008

** Frances Taylor 3/2012

** Margaret Winton 3/2010

TOWN ATTORNEY

Mitchell & Bates

TAX COLLECTOR

Ellen King

* Deputy, Amy Sharpe

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Walter P. Johnson

TOWN AUDITORS

Vachon & Clukay

TOWN CLERK

** Ellen King 3/2008

* Deputy, Amy Sharpe

TOWN TREASURER

** Todd Elgin 3/2008

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUND

** Bonnie Hunt 3/2009

** Maurice Lafreniere 3/2008

** Brinton Woodward 3/2010

ZONING BOARD OF

ADJUSTMENT

Jack Barbera, Chr 3/2009

Ivan Bass 3/2009

Gyda Dicosola 3/2010

Robert Rothschild 3/2009

Susan Webster, Vice Chr 3/2008

Timothy Lyons, Alt 3/2010

Harry Decker, Alt. 3/2008

* "...until another person shall
be chosen and qualified..."

** ...Elected Officials

S.L. Selectmen Liason

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REPORT



Selectmen L-R Chairman, Peter Francesco, Sidney Lovett, Barbara Currier, Vice-Chairman, Peter Webster and Suzanne Peoples

2007 has gone smoothly in town, although we did have our usual changes in some personnel and on various boards. Some of the highlights were the opening of the new bridge to Plymouth, accepting the generous donation of land from Holderness 2000 for a "Town Common" and soon you will be able to register your cars by mail.

To start with, we had a retirement party for Fire Chief, Dick Mardin, of which many of you attended. Dick retired after 34 years of service, many, many thanks to Dick. His replacement is none other than his daughter Eleanor, welcome Eleanor. With Dick's retirement the job of Health and Compliance officer also needed filling. We hired David Lorch to fill those shoes and expand the position to include Town Planner as well. Lawrence Beeson has joined the budget committee and is settling in well, Shelagh Connelly and Betsy Whitmore have joined the conservation commission as alternates. Wendell Broom and Jean Swindell have joined us as Library Trustees. The Trustees have recently accepted the resignation of Librarian Suzanne Peoples, thanks for your years of service Suzanne. We have also accepted the recent resignation of life long resident Bob Potter from the highway department, thanks for the time you spent with us Bob.

We all have a deep appreciation for all of the employees and volunteers that make our town run smoothly. We have a most pleasant and positive atmosphere at the town office created by Walter Johnson and his able staff as they take care of our governmental needs. An active Recreation

Department lead by Wendy Werner. The police department, under the guidance of Chief Jeremiah Patridge and the fire department, with Eleanor Mardin at the helm both lead a group of trained professionals with a positive attitude who keep the town safe and take care of our emergencies. Peter Furmanick and the highway personnel who are out in the worst of conditions to keep our roads maintained, open and safe for travel. Our transfer station is under the capable leadership of Scott Davis.

We also extend our appreciation to all of the volunteers on our boards of, planning, zoning, conservation, master plan, Lakes Region Planning, budget committee, recreational committee, library committee, trustees of trust funds, fire wards, and memorial committee and for the countless hours they have put in over the last year ... all of that effort and caring makes Holderness a very special place.

On a personal note, at the close of the town meeting I will be leaving the board and wish to thank all of the people of Holderness, the employees and volunteers for the support you have given me over the past six years.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Selectboard,

Peter Francesco, Chairman

Peter Webster, Vice chair

Barbara Currier

Susan Peoples

Sid Lovett

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT



L-R - Walter Johnson, Anne Abear, Amy Sharpe, Ellen King, Wendy Huff, Wendy Werner and David Lorch

It is my privilege and pleasure to present to you my report as Town Administrator for the year 2007. As I continue my way through my third year as your Town Administrator, I feel we have made excellent progress in improving our service to you, the residents and taxpayers of Holderness. I would especially like to thank the members of the Board of Selectmen, the town office staff, the department heads and all of our employees for their support, cooperation and the excellent work they provide for the citizens of Holderness.

There were three significant improvements accomplished in 2007. The development of our new Graphic Information System (GIS) maps-on-line web site now provides access to a wealth of geographical information. This website also includes general assessing data as well as access to the Town tax maps. A quick link button from our Town website (www.holderness-nh.gov) will bring you to this new and exciting site.

This summer, we held our first summer Town informational meeting which was held the last Saturday in July. This proved to be a great success by affording summer residents/taxpayers and our "snow birds" the opportunity to learn more about Holderness town government and ask specific questions of the Selectmen, department heads and me. We hope to make this an annual event if the support for the meeting continues to grow.

Finally, in November of 2007, with the retirement of the long time Holderness Fire Chief, Compliance and Health Officer Dick Mardin, we hired our first land use specialist, David Lorch, to fill these two positions in addition to creating a new position for him to also serve as the Town's first town planner. David is providing professional assistance to all our land use boards as well as the Board of Selectmen on matters relating to these areas. The Selectmen and I strongly believe David's knowledge and experience will be extremely valuable to the development and protection of the Town's precious natural resources and environment.

Looking forward to 2008, my priority objectives include completing a master plan for the Holderness transfer station and recycling center and implementing a change in the Town's fiscal year from a calendar year, to a July 1, - June 30th year to be in effect for either 2008 or 2009.

I look forward to serving you in 2008 and encourage you to stop in the Town office, or contact me by phone or e-mail with any comments, suggestions and/or concerns you may have about your local government.

Town Administrator
Walter Johnson

TOWN BEACH REPORT

From June 15 through Labor Day, the beach was open and supervised by a Beach Attendant from 10AM to 5PM (weather permitting). The duties of the Beach Attendant include monitoring the use of the beach by Holderness residents/taxpayers and their guests and enforcing the rules of the beach as stated in the Rules and Regulations. They are also on site to take care of the beach, mowing the lawn, raking, and other maintenance necessary to keep the area clean, attractive, and safe. Please remember, that while Beach Attendants are offered CPR and First Aid training, they are not lifeguards.

The Town Beach naturally offers a beautiful beach and swimming area. We provide a swing set, picnic tables, a raft, porta-potties, and a changing room. There is also a public phone, which is provided for limited local calls and emergency use. New in 2008, we are removing the trash receptacles and reviving the "carry in / carry out" policy. It makes little sense to have this policy and then provide trash bins. So we ask that you be cognizant of what you need, what you bring and what you leave at the beach. We appreciate your feedback on this policy and look forward to its success.

In 2007, 246 beach passes were purchased, down from 275 the year before. The beach passes for 2008 are available and can be purchased at Town Hall for \$15. When picking up your pass, be sure to take a copy of the Beach Rules and Regulations and share them with your family and guests. Although we have attendants on duty, we look to you to help keep our rules in check.

Our season actually started in February last year when we had several incidents of snowmobiling and other "gatherings" at the Town beach during the early winter months. These problems were squelched with a sign stating that the beach was closed from Dec. 1st to May 1st. Currently the sign reads that the beach is not open to motorized vehicles. We ask that you abide by this rule and notify us of any activity that is contrary to this rule.

The 2007 summer season ran with little incident at the beach, which was an improvement from the prior year. I would like to thank the Holderness Police Department for their frequent visits to the beach property. Their watchful eye is certainly a deterrent to those looking for trouble. In 2008, please do not hesitate to notify a Beach Attendant, the Recreation Director, or a Recreation Board member if you see any unsafe conditions at the beach or if you see anyone doing damage to the equipment or property.

A big thank you is in order to Peter Furmanick and the crew from the Public Works Department. Peter and his crew are always willing to assist with projects when we need help, whether it is cleaning up winter tree debris in the spring, more tree work in the fall or removing the trash receptacles, all we have to do is ask. Thank you!

The beach was once again opened by our own member Biff Sutcliffe, Peter Durnan and one student from the Holderness School. The task at hand was assembling new swim lines and buoys, and setting the raft afloat. Beach attendants were in-charge of raking the beach and staining the picnic tables for the season. In the fall, Biff and Tom Stepp took charge of getting the raft secured for winter and Peter Durnan and his crew put in some community service hours cleaning up the beach. Thanks again to the Holderness School for the volunteer help.

We would like to thank the residents and taxpayers, as well as the Board of Selectmen for supporting the Town Beach. This is a wonderful place to share with friends, relatives and generations to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Werner (Recreation Director)
Tom Stepp (Chairman)
George (Biff) Sutcliffe (Secretary)
Sidney Lovett (Selectman Liaison)
Jay Fogarty
Fawn Ouellette
Janis Messier
Bob Stark

COMPLIANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

Wells	7
Cottages	2
House	16
Additions	22
Renovations	22
Sheds	3
Signs	2
Garages	12
Septic Systems	11
Septic Repairs	3
Mobil Home	2
Demolition	13
Commercial Buildings	1
Barn	2
Dock	1
Deck	5
Total Applications Reviewed	124

Respectfully Submitted
David Lorch
Compliance Officer

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

It is the mission of the Holderness Conservation Commission to care for the conservation properties owned by the Town of Holderness, to be strong advocates for good conservation practices in the Town, to protect the Town's wetlands from being degraded, to be the local agent for wetland permits and other matters controlled by the NH Department of Environmental Services (NH-DES) and to educate the residents of the town and region about suitable conservation practices.

Members of the Conservation Commission monitor all Town properties and easements on a regular basis, particularly those properties and easements purchased with state funds from LCIP (Land Conservation Investment Program) or the more recent LCHIP (Land Conservation and Heritage Investment Program). Those duties involve monitoring one easement, the Crawford easement, and two properties, the Pilote Forest (105 acres) and the Pemi Riverside Park (5 acres). The Conservation Commission also monitors the Town Forest (25 acres), the Chabot Easement and the Swainey Brook Easement. In addition, the Conservation Commission reviews all Intents to Cut filed with the Town to determine if the cut areas are near wetlands.

During 2007, the Conservation Commission was active in working to protect environmentally sensitive areas of Holderness. The Conservation Commission met with a representative from the NH-DES Wetlands Bureau for an update of NH-DES's policies with respect to wetlands. In cooperation with the Squam Lakes Association and the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center the Conservation Commission hosted a vernal pool workshop to educate the public on the ecological importance of vernal pools and how to identify vernal pools. Twelve citizens participated in the workshop presented by Kerry Yurewicz and Conservation Commissioner Larry Spencer. Another activity included trail access on the Pilote property. Former Conservation Commissioner Reggie Pettit, Anne Packard and Jennifer Preiss of the US Forest Service walked the trail on the Pilote property and identified areas of the trail with poor drainage that will need work to make the trail passable, especially when conditions are wet. This work should be done in the fall when the conditions are the driest. The Conservation Commission will be seeking volunteer help from the community to do this trail improvement.

As part of the outreach initiative, the Conservation Commission met with Wendy Werner, Recreation Director, to discuss use of the trails in the town properties by the recreation department for snowshoe treks during the winter and other activities in the future. The Conservation Commission also met

with the new Health and Compliance officer to discuss the wetlands inventory and how to make the location of the town wetlands more easily available to the public.

At the last Town Meeting the warrant article on global climate change was passed. As part of that article the Town was to establish an Energy Committee. Conservation Commission Chair Larry Spencer is a member of the Energy Committee. The Energy Committee has met and has begun to formulate its duties. At this point the Energy Committee is examining energy use within the Town government and is gathering energy use statistics.

Anne Packard represented the Conservation Commission in the development of the steep slopes ordinances that will be voted on at the upcoming Town Meeting:

Commissioners continue to work on their own understanding of environmental matters through attendance at workshops and meetings. Shelagh Connelly, returning to the Conservation Commission as an alternate, attended the Annual Meeting of the NH Association of Conservation Commissions and reported to the Commission about the sessions she attended.

For 2008 the Conservation Commission plans to co-sponsor another vernal pool workshop in the early spring, with the Squam Lakes Association. In addition, the Conservation Commission is co-sponsoring a workshop in early April with the Squam Lakes Association on the new rules associated with the Shoreland Protection Program which go into effect on April 1, 2008. On June 6-7 the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, Squam Lakes Association, Squam Lakes Conservation Society and the Holderness Conservation Commission will co-host a 24-hr Bioblitz in the Squam Lakes range area. The objective is to identify as many organisms in the area within the time period.

The Conservation Commission has changed the day and time of the meetings to the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 4:00 pm at the Town Hall year round. Special meetings and field inspections are sometimes held in between regular meetings. If you have an interest in the work of the Conservation Commission or would like to become a member of the Conservation Commission, please contact the Town Administrator at the Town Office. All proceedings of the Commission are open to the public and we welcome all comments and any offers of assistance. The Commission maintains a website at: <http://www.holdernessconservationcommission.org>

Submitted by:

Janet Cocchiaro	Shelagh Connelly alt.	Jacque Jewell
Nancy McDonald	Anne Packard	Larry Spencer, Chairman
Betsy Whitmore alt.	Barbara Currier,	Selectboard Representative

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT



Retired Chief, Richard Mardin & Newly Appointed Chief, Eleanor Mardin

What a different year for this department. Aside from the normal mundane fire fighting, search and rescue, medical calls, and miscellaneous other activities, we received a new fire boat, fought the fourth or fifth largest structure fire this town has ever had, retired our former Fire Chief and welcomed a new Fire Chief; pretty active times.

Skip Van Sickle may have sold the marina but he kept his hand in the boat business by building the new fireboat. It is a three pontoon style with a 125 hp Honda 4 cycle engine that will get us quickly to any part of the Squam Lakes for fire fighting, medical, or rescue calls. During the season it is moored at the dock behind the library - stop by and take a look.

Dick Mardin decided 40 plus years was long enough in the fire service and with a little warning up and retired! Wow was that a surprise. The knowledge and skills that Dick brings to this Town could not be let go. With some persuasion we managed to keep him on the department, just not as Chief. He may also keep his position of Fire Warden for the Town. At his retirement party Dick received many honors including a lifetime membership in the fire department with the title of Chief Emeritus. Dick, thanks for all you have given us as firefighters and for all you have done for the Town of Holderness.

With Dick's retirement we didn't have to search far for a new Chief. Eleanor Mardin (Dick's daughter) has accepted the position. Eleanor has quite a family history and background in fire fighting including her grandfather (Hubey Hartwell) that many of you may remember, and her dad, Dick. After 5 years in the US Navy she became a volunteer on the Holderness department in 1988 and later worked as a full time fire fighter/EMT for the Town of Plymouth and worked part-time for the State of NH Fire Marshal's office doing inspections. She then worked several years as a NH Forest Ranger. Rangers deal with timber cutting and all outside fires, forest and brush. These latter two jobs gave her a great deal of recognition from other departments around our area and the State. Although Dick's position was full time, he was wearing several hats along with the Fire

Chief's. Eleanor will not be wearing the multiple hats so will only be in the office part time. Stop in and say Hi.

Shortly after our new Chief took over, the Department was called to the largest in town fire we have seen in years - Squam Meadows Apartments (along Route 3 across from Camp Deerwood) was ablaze. With the help of many surrounding towns water was pumped from White Oak Pond up the hill, using several relay engines, to extinguish the wind whipped inferno. Not much could be saved of the structure, but fortunately no one was injured. An unattended oven set to self-clean probably started this. Please be careful with home activities. Unattended appliances, candles, temporary lighting (Christmas lights), wood stoves, all may cause fires.

We were fortunate this year to burn two houses for training purposes; one on Perch Pond Road and the other on Route 113. Both of these buildings were going to be torn down by the owners and were offered to us for training. This affords our fire fighters a great experience in fighting fire. Simulators are great but as they say "nothing beats the real thing". To be able to experience the heat, smoke and fire under a somewhat controlled condition is an invaluable training experience.

Speaking of experience, four of our firefighters, including our new Chief, flew out West to help fight the forest fires in Idaho. Then later in the year two of them traveled to Tennessee and Georgia to fight more fires. Although the conditions were dirty, hot, a lot of hard work with little sleep, no showers, and little food was offered, they are all ready to go again. Fortunately, we had very little forest fire activity in our area this year.

We assisted many towns with mutual aid, traveling as far as Danbury for a large barn fire and Gilford for a condominium complex. This again is giving many of our younger firefighters great experience.

As you can see by the run list below, the largest numbers of calls we receive are for medical emergencies. Our EMT's are very active and train very rigorously. Their job is to be first on the scene and do what can be done to stabilize the patient. The Plymouth ambulance, and occasionally Stewarts, follows them up when we call for a transport to the hospital. If need be we may call in the DART helicopter for quicker transport to a distant medical facility.

The Department greatly appreciates the support of the Town. This is your department, please stop in and see what we have available to respond when you call.

Following this report is a list of the calls for the Department during the year. Remember that some of them may fit in several categories, i.e. a smoke investigation could also be a furnace problem.

Respectfully submitted

Earl Hansen, Deputy Fire Chief & Sr. Fire Ward

HOLDERNESS FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT RUNS FOR 2007

Medical	102
Motor Vehicle Accidents	32
Rescue	2
Vehicle Fires	2
Mutual Aid	30
Structure Fires	3
Furnace	1
Electrical	1
Lightning	2
Forest	5
Alarm Activations	24
Smoke Investigations	7
Wires Arching	7
Fuel Spill	2
False	2
Service	3
Other	9
Chimney	1
Total calls	235

FOREST FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

This was a good year for the forest fire season. In April it was drying out fast and then spring rains prevailed. During the summer season Eleanor Mardin, Scott Fields, Tyler Driscoll, Clinton King and Jay Brandin went out West to help with their fires. The experience was good for these firefighters and now we can utilize their expertise.

There were 330 permits issued by the fire department and Town Hall and the following incidents occurred:

03/14/07	Yearly Training	\$114.14
04/21/07	Permit Fire - Wild Rose Lane	
06/16/07	Permit Fire - US Route 3	
07/22/07	Forest Fire - New Hampton	
08/16/07	Tree Fire - Cromwell Point Road	
09/07/07	Lightening Strike - Plymouth	\$445.00
10/12/07	Non-Permitted Debris Fire - Mt. Prospect Road	
	Fine Issued	

Fire permits are available at the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours or by calling 968-3537, at the Fire Station by calling 968-4491 and by contacting the Fire Warden directly at 536-3391.

A reminder to all that permits are needed for "any" open fire.

Richard Mardin
Forest Fire Warden

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday and Wednesday 10am.-6pm.
Friday 10am.-5pm. Saturday 10am.-1pm.

E-Mail:holdernesslibrary@roadrunner.com

Web Page: holdernesslibrary.org

Telephone: 603-968-7066

STATISTICS 2007 CIRCULATION

Adult Items.....5,233

Child Items.....1,479

PATRONS

Number of families registered.....1,451

HOLDINGS

16,892

The Holderness Library enjoyed a busy year with programming from an informational discussion on Afghanistan brought to us by the Northern New Hampshire Arts Alliance, as well as wonderful programs for children throughout July and August. At this time I wish to thank Sara Weinberg, Leigh Sharps and Sandra Perkins for their expert support with programming and for creating our new Web Pages.

Patricia L'Abbe continued to manage the Friends Book Sale this year, the Friends also held a Lawn Sale in June and, their Santa Sale, held at River Edge Marina, was their most successful yet. I am so grateful for all the Friends of the Holderness Library and for our faithful patrons which makes it more difficult to announce that 2007 is the last year of my tenure as Library Director.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne B. Peoples
Library Director

LIBRARY TRUSTEES' REPORT

In the spring of '07 the Library Trustees issued an invitation for interested individuals to come together to form a building committee to begin to move forward with the plans for an addition to the library. The group that coalesced shook things up a bit with the following results. An informal survey revealed some interesting insights as to what Holderness citizens want for the library. The most significant points were location, ambiance and cost. Overwhelmingly, respondents want the library to remain in the center of town. Most indicated support for an addition that would, with wise utilization of the present structure, meet the growing need for space. It is the job of the trustees and the committee to propose a plan that meets the needs with a keen eye to cost containment. Holderness resident Barry Gaw, a member of the building team, has proposed a new design and has been working with us to determine the feasibility of his design. Thanks to all who have contributed their time, wisdom and ideas to this project.

Other results generated by the building team are smaller in scope and more immediate in implementation. More and better signage has been added, a bicycle rack was donated by the owners of Allen Bike Rack Company, three new computers and a printer were donated by the Rothschild Family Foundation, and furniture to accommodate the new computers and their users, namely tables and chairs and a new chair for the director's desk, were donated by Ritz, Inc. These last two donations have enabled the implementation of classes in various computer applications for the beginner to the more advanced user. We look forward to continuing to offer classes to any and all interested in learning or improving their abilities with this technology that is now so prevalent in our lives.

Wendell Broom and Jean Swindell were appointed by the selectmen to fill two vacated positions on the trustee board.

The rejuvenation of the Friends of the Library competently guided by co-chairs Carol Snelling and Susan Beeson continues to provide assistance in many forms to the improvement of the library. The outreach program which delivers library materials to any in the community who cannot access the collection in person is a particularly noteworthy addition. The Friends' fundraising efforts expanded this year with the addition of the Library Lawn Sale to accompany the best Santa Sale yet in December. Among this year's contributions from the Friends: two performers for the Summer Reading Program, additions to the audio and video collections, a book truck, a Polaroid and a digital camera. The Friends also provide a revolving monthly display in the showcase at the circulation desk, exhibits of the work of local artists that rotate on a quarterly basis as well as the purchase of a

professional rail system for hanging art, the on-going book sale in the lower level of the library, and assistance in the form of people power in providing programs to both adults and children. The impact of the efforts of the Friends is significant. The Trustees wish to express their gratitude for the Friends' generosity and commitment to supporting the library.

Speaking of commitment and support, the Trustees want to thank Sandra Perkins for her hours of assistance with computers, data gathering and entering, teaching, and the development and maintenance of a fantastic website, www.holdernesslibrary.org. Well done, Sandra! Tom Klein of Sandwich has also been involved in teaching computer classes. Additionally, Sara Weinburg has done a great job creating monthly newsletters. Their contributions are greatly appreciated.

The trustees, the library director and Carol Snelling, co-chair of the Friends, have been engaged in a Strategic Planning process facilitated by Susan Murphy of the Performance Group. The trustees engaged in this process to clarify the mission and vision of the library as well as identifying the goals and actions that will carry out the plan in both the short term and the future. This process represents a significant commitment of time and work on the part of the participants and is vital in planning the course of the library as we move into the future.

Library Director, Suzanne Peoples, has resigned. During her tenure, she became well known by patrons for her helpful, friendly service and her attention to patrons' requests. Thank you, Suzanne for your contributions over the past 5 years. Lydia Miller, who serves as assistant librarian, is aiding the trustees in keeping the library operational while a new director is sought. Thanks to Lydia, for her willingness to support the library. Her familiarity with the day-to-day operation will be of great assistance during this transition period both for patrons and for trustees.

It is the goal of the trustees to continue the trend of identifying and encouraging partners in the larger community to lend support in a variety of ways that will increasingly enhance what the library can offer to all of you. We look forward to the prospect of increased involvement from the community both as patrons and as partners.

Holderness Library Trustees

Sandy Ray

Larry Webster

Kay Hanson

Jean Swindell

Wendell Broom

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 13 & 14, 2007

At the annual Town Meeting of the Town of Holderness held on March 13th and 14, 2007 the following business was transacted.

At 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2006 at the Holderness Town Hall, Moderator Ross Deachman convened the meeting and began reading the warrant. After reading Articles 1 and 2 the Moderator declared the polls opened. At 7:00 p.m., Moderator Deachman declared the polls closed and the ballots were counted. Results were announced and the Moderator declared the winners.

At 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14, 2007 at Holderness Central School the Meeting resumed. Moderator Ross Deachman opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag led by Malcolm "Tink" Taylor and had a moment of silence for those residents that passed away during the year 2006.

Moderator Ross Deachman announced the results of Articles 1 and declared the winners. The Moderator declared the Article 2 (the Zoning Amendments) had all passed. Moderator announced the Holderness Central School and the Pemi-Baker School District results. Moderator Deachman asked for a motion that we dispense with the reading of the remainder of the Warrant and take the articles up one at a time as they appear in the Warrant. Moved by Malcolm "Tink" Taylor and seconded by Peg Winton. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

Article 1: To choose all Town Officers by official ballot:

Selectmen for 3 Years: (Vote for two)

Barbara C. Currier 229

Peter Webster 204

Moderator for 2 Years:

Ross Deachman 223

Town Treasurer for 1 Year:

Todd Elgin 221

Trustee of Trust Fund for 3 Years:

Brinton W. Woodward, Jr. 219

Library Trustee for 3 Years: (Vote for Two)

Susan A. Beeson 216

Todd Elgin 212

Fire Ward for 3 Years:
Earl Hansen 224

Article 2: To vote by official ballot on the amendments to the existing Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board and posted with this warrant.

1. “ Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Waukewan Watershed area shall be added as an overlay to the ordinance?”
(Proposed by the Planning Board)
YES 202 NO 21

2. “ Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: All references to specific State RSA’s and regulations shall be replaced with a general statement “as per State laws and regulations?”
(Proposed by the Planning Board)
YES 193 NO 40

3. “ Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Amend the floodplain ordinance as necessary to comply with requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program?”
(Proposed by the Planning Board)
YES 213 NO 16

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Election Results
School Board Member for 3 Years:
Wendy Mersch 209
Jonathan Stewart 202
District Clerk for 3 Years:
write-in
Sara Weinberg 21

HOLDERNESS ELECTION RESULTS
PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT
Election Results
Moderator for 1 Year:
Quentin Blaine 218

School Board Member for 3 Years:

Holderness

Jeffrey O. McIver, Sr. 219

School Board Member for 3 Years: Plymouth

Ken Sutherland 205

School Board Member for 3 Years:

Wentworth

Susan Judd 201

HOLDERNESS ELECTION RESULTS

PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT-WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 1: Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred sixty-seven thousand dollars (\$667,000) for the construction and original equipping of a new recreation/athletic field (track) on land owned by the School District and to authorize the issuance of not more than six hundred sixty-seven thousand dollars (\$667,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act(RSA 33) and to authorize the School Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.) (3/5 [60%] ballot vote required)

Yes 148 No 84

Article 2: Shall the School District vote to authorize the School Board to negotiate and execute such tuition contracts as the board may determine advisable for students inside or outside the Pemi-Baker Regional School District. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

Yes 199 No 32

Article 3: Shall the School District vote to establish a contingency fund in accordance with Revised Statutes Annotated 198:4-b, such contingency fund to meet the cost of unanticipated expenses that may arise during the year and, further, to see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for such contingency fund. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Yes 179 No 51

Article 4: Shall the School District vote to approve the cost items included in a three-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the School Board and the Plymouth Regional Educational Support Staff, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits

Year	Estimated Increases
2007-2008	\$100,204
2008-2009	\$ 82,199
2009-2010	\$ 89,858

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand two hundred four dollars (\$100,204) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. (The School Board recommends this Appropriation.) (Majority vote required.)

Yes 168 No 60

Article 5: To see if the School District will vote to authorize and empower the School Board to borrow up to one hundred four thousand dollars (\$104,000) representing a portion of the State of New Hampshire’s share of special education costs for the 2007-2008 school year, pursuant to RSA 198:20-d upon such terms and conditions as the School Board determines in the best interests of the District; said sum together with the costs of borrowing to be repaid by the State of New Hampshire pursuant to RSA 198:20-d; or to take any action in relation thereto. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Yes 183 No 45

Article 6: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session (deliberative session) for the purpose set forth therein, totaling twelve million four hundred seventeen thousand two hundred eighty-two dollars (\$12,417,282). The Board recommends this article (Majority vote required.)

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be twelve million one hundred seventy-four thousand seven hundred thirty-three dollars (\$12,174,733), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This sum excludes the sums in Warrant Articles 1, 3 and 4.

Yes 165 No 61

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of all Town Officers and Committees.

Moved by James Hogan and seconded Peg Winton. Malcolm “Tink” Taylor

requested for an addition on page 6 of the 2006 Annual Town Report that Margaret Winton had been omitted as Chair person for Patriotic Purposes and recognized her fine job. A voice vote was taken on the correction and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote, under the provisions of RSA72:28 II & IV, (Veterans Tax Credit on residential property), to increase the annual property tax credit from \$300. to \$400.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Moved by Peg Winton and seconded by Alden Van Sickle. No discussion followed. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee recommended sum of One Million Nine Hundred Sixty-four Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty-four Dollars (\$1,964,664.) for general municipal operations. Said sum does not include special or individual articles elsewhere within this warrant.

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Moved by Fran Taylor and seconded by Susan Beeson. No discussion followed. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 6: To see if the town will vote to rescind Article 9 of the 2001 Town meeting requiring the approval of the town meeting prior to the Board of Selectmen selling any town owned property for an amount over \$5,000. Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Moved by Alden Van Sickle and seconded by Peg Winton. Questions were asked as to the intent of this Article. Fire Chief Mardin advised it was for the purpose of allowing the Board of Selectmen to sell equipment for more than \$ 5,000.00 without Town Meeting approval.

A motion was made to amend the Article to read "To see if the town will authorize the sale of the old fire engine." No second was received on this amended Article; therefore, no vote was taken. Questions were asked whether this Article, as presented would allow the Board of Selectmen to sell land property. Clarification was given that this Article allows the Board of Selectmen to sell equipment not land property.

Alden Van Sickle moved to amend Article 6 to read, " To see if the town will vote to replace Article 9 of the 2001 Town meeting requiring the approval of the town meeting prior to the Board of Selectmen selling any town owned property for an amount exceeding \$ 20,000.00. " Samuel Brickley seconded this amendment. A voice vote was taken on the amendment to Article 6 and the amendment **PASSED**.

A voice vote was taken on the Article as amended and **PASSED**.

Article 7: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell, at a price acceptable to the Selectmen, the Town’s 1986 Mack pumper fire truck.

Moved by Gwen Blair and seconded by Alden Van Sickle. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 8: To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing Transfer Station Equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$13,500) to be placed in this fund and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Moved by Peg Winton seconded by Samuel Brickley. Willlis Holland asked if this was a specific piece of equipment or for any equipment. Chairman Peter Francesco advised due to the use needs of an excavator at the transfer station to pack down materials, funds requested in this Article could be used to purchase another excavator. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Seventy-seven Thousand Dollars (\$277,000) to be placed into the following Capital Reserve Funds:

Fire/Rescue Vehicles	\$35,000
Road Reconstruction	150,000
White Oak Pond Dam	1,000
Library	12,500
Municipal Buildings	2,000
Revaluation	9,500
Fire Equipment	2,000
Honor Roll	10,000
Public Works Vehicles	35,000
Police Cruiser	15,000
Conservation	<u>5,000</u>
	\$277,000

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Moved by Larry Webster seconded by Peg Winton. Martha Richards questioned the use of the Conservation Funds. Larry Spencer, Chairman of the Conservation Commission advised these funds could be used to purchase property or easements. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Ninety-seven Thousand Dollars (\$197,000) for the following capital projects and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Selectmen to withdraw the sums indicated from the following designated Capital Reserve Funds for these purposes:

Road Reconstruction	\$150,000
Revaluation	9,500
Police Cruiser	25,000
Library Expansion	<u>12,500</u>
	\$197,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Moved by Peg Winton and seconded by Joanna Tuveson. Willis Holland asked which town roads would have reconstruction. Peter Francesco, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen stated that the roads selected were Tadadump Road, East Holderness Road, Perkins Lane and Heritage Hill Road. Amanda Loud questioned the use of the \$ 12,500.00 Library Expansion funds. Todd Elgin, Library Trustee answered that the funds would cover architectural fees, planning, designs and engineering fees associated with the expansion. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Moderator Ross Deachman spoke of the Grafton County Prescription DiscountProgram wherein anyone who does not have prescription coverage may be eligible for up to 20% off their prescriptions at participating pharmacies.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the purchase of a portable pump for the fire department. Said funds to be raised by taxation.

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Moved by Alden Van Sickle and seconded by Harry Maybeck. Earle Jenkins asked if Article 11 was in addition to other funds previously voted on at this meeting. The Moderator advised these funds were in addition to the other funds voted on and would be directly from taxation and not capital reserves. A voice votes was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) for the design and construction of a new veteran's war memorial honor roll and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Selectmen to withdraw up to Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) from the Honor Roll Capital Reserve Fund established for this purpose, with the balance of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to come from private sources. No amount to be raised by taxation. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the memorial

is completed or by December 31, 2011, whichever is sooner.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Moved by Scott King and seconded by Edward Ford. A discussion ensued regarding the location of the monument. Chairman Francesco advised that a committee has been established to determine location, design, standards and monetary needs of this monument. Harry Decker, Chairman of the Veterans Memorial Committee fielded questions pertaining to the committee and their work thus far on the project.

Amanda Loud moved to amend the Article; "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) for the design and construction of a new veteran's war memorial honor roll and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Selectmen to withdraw up to Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) from the Honor Roll Capital Reserve Fund established for this purpose, with the balance of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to come from private sources. No amount to be raised by taxation. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the memorial is completed or by December 31, 2011, whichever is sooner.

The memorial shall not be located on the Library property and the existing memorial on Library property shall be removed from the Library property 30 days prior to the new memorial being placed. " Judy Webster seconded the amendment. Larry Webster, Library Trustee advised that the Library expansion may dictate the location of the memorial. A voice vote was taken and was inconclusive. The Moderator called for a division of the house. The division of the house resulted in a vote of 62 votes opposed and 34 votes in favor of the Amendment. The amendment **FAILED**.

Anne Hunnewell moved the question and seconded by Martha Richards and a voice vote was taken and the motion to move the question **PASSED**.

A voice vote was taken on Article 12 and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the following Capital Reserve Fund with said funds and accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, if any, to be transferred to the Town's general fund:

Name of CRF	Date Established	Amount to general fund
Land/building Acquisition CRF	Unknown	\$ 0

Moved by Alden Van Sickle and seconded by Malcolm "Tink" Taylor. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Retiree Health Insurance Expendable Trust Fund to the Employee Health Insurance Expendable Trust Fund.

(2/3 vote required)

Moved by Samuel Brickley seconded by Peg Winton. Walter Johnson, Town Administrator was allowed to speak and he explained there is a dollar (\$ 1.00) in this fund and it was established to offset the expenses that the Town could incur from retirees health insurance expenses. Further, this Article allows for the Board of Selectmen to consider alternative health insurance choices for the employees. The Board of Selectmen confirmed they support this Article. A standing vote took place and the Moderator declared the Article PASSED by 2/3 vote requirement.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to accept a donation of land from Holderness 2000 located behind Curry Place off US Route 3 containing approximately 1.8 acres know as Map 102 Lot 006. This article requested by petition.

Moved by Fran Taylor and seconded by James Hogan.

Richard Miller moved to amend the Article to read, **"To see if the Town will vote to accept a donation of land from the " Holderness 2000 group". Said land located behind Curry place off US Route 3 containing approximately 1.8 acres and identified by Map 102 Lot 006. And that said acceptance be conditional upon absolutely no installation of any type of any additional permanent toilet facilities public or private at that location and that the town has absolutely no liability with reference to any existing or future septic systems or part there of at that location now and forevermore. Said conditions to be inserted in the new deed. "** seconded by Edward Ford. Discussion followed to include concerns on the current septic system capabilities and the liability it could impose upon the Town.

A voice vote was taken on the Amendment and the amendment **FAILED**.

Questions were asked of William Webb as to his reasoning why Holderness 2000 was giving the Town the land. Webb explained that Holderness 2000 felt this land would be better preserved if it was owned by the Town as a Town common. This would help the Town fulfill a goal of the Town Master Plan to preserve open space in the village area whenever possible.

A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Richard Miller challenged the ruling of the Chair and the Chair's ruling was put to a vote and was upheld with a voice vote and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to accept Currier Field Road as a Town Road. This article requested by petition.

Moved by William Tirone and seconded by James Hogan.

William Tirone moved to amend the Article, **"To see if the Town will vote to accept Currier Field Road as a Town Road contingent on the abutters**

completing the following modifications to the road: 1. The cul-de-sac is widened and paved to a ninety-foot diameter circle and 2. Provision is made to divert drainage water away from Springer Lane. “ seconded by James Hogan and the Moderator incorporated this amendment as part of the main motion with the consent of the mover and the seconder.

Peter Furmanick, Road Agent further moved to amended the Article **“To see if the Town will vote to accept Currier Field Road as a Town Road contingent on the abutters completing the following modifications to the road: 1. The cul-de-sac is widened and paved to a ninety-foot diameter circle and 2.**

Provision be made for the proper discharge of all drainage water to include away from Springer Lane as approved by the Town Road Agent.”

Seconded by Edward Ford. A voice vote on this amended article was taken and the Article **FAILED**.

Declaring the second Amended Article failed, the Moderator directed the meeting to return to the main motion as modified by Mr. Tirone. After much discussion pertaining to this article Bonnie Hunt moved the question and seconded by James Hogan. A voice vote was taken and motion to move the question **PASSED**.

Moderator Deachman directed the meeting to the Article as modified to read, **“To see if the Town will vote to accept Currier Field Road as a Town Road contingent on the abutters completing the following modifications to the road; 1. The cul-de-sac is widened and paved to a ninety-foot diameter circle and 2. Provision is made to divert drainage water away from Springer Lane.”** and a voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 17: To see if the Town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the well being of the people of Holderness.

These actions include:

1. Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of US greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. economy.
2. Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.

In addition, the Town of Holderness encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our Selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions.

The record of the vote on this article shall be transmitted to the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation, to the President of the United States

and to declared candidates for those offices. (This article is at the request of the Holderness Conservation Committee).

Moved by Larry Spencer and seconded by Martha Richards. Larry Spencer, Chairman of the Conservation Commission explained this article to the meeting and hoped the residents of Holderness would support this article. Discussion followed. A voice vote was taken on the motion and the article **PASSED**.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our elected officials at the local and state levels:

Resolved: We the citizens of Holderness, NH believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. "The Pledge" perpetuates a burdensome property tax. We urge our elected officials to reject "The Pledge", have an open discussion covering all options, and to adopt a revenue system that relieves the local property tax burden. This article requested by petition.

Moved by Frances Taylor and seconded by Martha Richards. Sidney Lovett, Selectman explained this resolution to the meeting. After much discussion pertaining to this article Martha Macomber moved the question and it was seconded by Alden Van Sickle. A voice vote was taken and motion to move the question **PASSED**.

A voice vote was taken on the Article and the vote was inconclusive. Moderator called for a division of the house. A division of the house took place and the

Moderator declared the Article **PASSED**.

Article 19: To transact any other business that can legally come before the meeting.

The Moderator recognized Martha Macomber. Martha Macomber, Chairman of the Holderness School Board thanked the community for the support that was given at the Holderness Central School District meeting.

Malcolm "Tink" Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Alden Van Sickle. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen King
Town Clerk

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

It has been a productive year for the Planning Board. With the Master Plan completed, the Board was able to focus on implementing the recommendations of the Plan and to review and process the many development applications received. A brief tabulation of the year's applications follows:

- * Subdivision application for 10 lots, resulting in 8 new residential lots in town.
- * Lot mergers for 4 lots.
- * 4 site plans which resulted in some changes in retail establishments and expansion of one industrial site.

Two applications came before the Planning Board this year which required many volunteer hours devoted to the design of the best possible development proposal for the community. The Board members deserve a note of acknowledgement for the long hours devoted to working on these proposals.

We are pleased to bring on board a planning staff person to assist applicants, offer planning initiatives and to work with various boards, commissions and municipal departments. He will be available Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Town Hall. As in the past, we are always looking for new board members interested in having an influence in the development of our town. The Planning Board generally meets every third Thursday of the month. Anyone interested in becoming a board member should contact the town office.

Respectfully Submitted,
Earl Hansen, Chairman
Bob Snelling, Vice Chairman
Suzanne Peoples, Selectman Representative
JoAnna Tuverson (resigned)
Nancy Scothorne
Angie Francesco, Secretary
Dave Horton
Ron Huntoon
Todd Elgin, Alternate
Randy Currier, Alternate

HOLDERNESS POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Holderness Police Department experienced a busy year in 2007. We received a higher volume of calls for service and an increase in the number of arrests made all while nearly doubling our motor vehicle enforcement efforts. By taking a proactive approach to traffic enforcement we will continue to see a reduction in the number of accidents which may result in serious bodily injury and/or death, ultimately making the roads of Holderness safer.

In 2007 we installed an electronic speed sign on Route 3 near Squam Lakeside Farms in an effort to slow motorists as they approach the village. I think we can all agree that this project was a success. I would like to extend my appreciation to David Moore for the support and donation he provided to facilitate the purchase and installation of this sign.

In 2008 we will be purchasing and installing an additional sign on Route 3 near the Manor in an effort to reduce the speed of vehicles approaching from the direction of Center Harbor. The exact location for the placement of this sign has yet to be determined.

I would like to thank the Mount Prospect Lodge No. 69 for their annual donation to the D.A.R.E. Program. The Holderness Police Department will continue to support and provide programs that keep our children safe.

We are actively seeking a person to fill the secretarial position in the Department. The vacancy in this position, which has been unfilled since June of 2007, has caused office hours at the Department to vary, as well as increase the work load of the officers. I would like to thank everyone for their patience during this transition period.

Please join me in thanking the members of the Holderness Police Department for the hard work that they do each and every day.

We look forward to serving the citizens of the Town of Holderness in 2008. I would encourage you to stop by the Police Department should you have any comments, concerns or suggestions on how we may better serve the Town.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremiah Patridge
Chief of Police

2007 POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

911 HANG-UP	42	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	68
ABONDONING A VEHICLE	0	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT (Fatality)	0
ALARM (Business & Residential & Fire)	133	MOTOR VEHICLE CITATIONS	84
ALCOHOL OFFENSES	42	MOTOR VEHICLE COMPLAINT	66
ANIMAL INVOLVED INCIDENTS	108	MOTOR VEHICLE WARNINGS	1433
ARRESTS (Total)	88	MOTOR VEHICLE / DWI	17
ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENTS	338	NOISE COMPLAINT	24
ATTEMPT TO COMMIT BURGLARY	0	OFFICER FOLLOW-UP	195
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	2	OPEN/UNSECURE DOOR	15
BENCH WARRANT	4	PAPER SERVICE / RELAY	69
BURGLARY	3	PARKING COMPLAINT / INFO	22
CITIZEN REQUEST ASSISTANCE/MVLO	135	PARKING TICKETS	131
CIVIL MATTER	9	PISTOL PERMITS	41
CIVIL STANDBY	14	POSSESSION OF CONTR. DRUGS	4
CONDUCT AFTER AN ACCIDENT	1	PROTECTIVE CUSTODY	8
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	24	RECKLESS OPERATION	6
CRIMINAL RECORDS	81	REGISTRATION OF SEX OFFENDER	13
CRIMINAL THREATENING	5	RESISTING ARREST OR DETENTION	2
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	7	RUNAWAY JUVENILE	3
DAMAGED PROPERTY	0	SEXUAL ASSAULT	2
DIRECTED PATROL (including radar)	349	SIMPLE ASSAULT	7
DISORDERLY ACTIONS/CONDUCT	30	SITE CHECKS	2549
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	15	SPECIAL EVENTS PERMITS	21
FINGERPRINTS - JOB APPLICATIONS	21	SUBPOENA SERVICE	2
FOOTPATROL	111	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	119
FRUDULENT USE OF CREDIT CARD	2	THEFT (All Thefts)	62
HARASSMENT	8	UNRULY JUVENILE	1
ISSUING BAD CHECKS	4	UNTIMELY OR UNATTENDED DEATH	3
LITTERING	3	VACANT HOUSE CHECK	669
LOST/FOUND PROPERTY	19	WELFARE CHECK	5
MISSING/WANTED PERSONS	9		

Holderness Police Personnel

L-R Back Row

Patrolman, Seth Learned
 Patrolman, Mike Barney
 Patrolman, David Bourne

L-R Front Row

Lieutenant, Barry Tanner
 Chief, Jeremiah Patridge
 Sergeant, Eric Defillipe



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



*Holderness Highway Personnel
(L-R) Lewie Thompson, Peter Furmanick and Dennis Hughes*

Another regular winter season is here. From January through April, smaller amounts of snow and larger amounts of rain seemed to have become our normal winter. Although there was little accumulation with any one of these beginning of the year storms, it still cost the same amount of money to plow 3 inches as it would to plow 8.

In April we had large amounts of rain which led to some damage to our roadways. Through the efforts of the Highway Department and with the assistance of our Administrator, the Town applied for and was awarded reimbursement from FEMA and the State of NH for a percentage of the expenses we incurred.

As winter departed and mud season subsided, we went on to prepare the roads for the upcoming paving projects. This year we paved Perkins Lane, Heritage Hill and a small stretch of asphalt was added to East Holderness Road near McCrillis Hill Road. We also did spot repairs on Mt Prospect Road and paved the Dump Road for which so many of you who travel this road are thankful.

The Town of Ashland assisted us by mowing again this year. We wish to thank Mark Ober and his crew for doing a great job. The Town of Plymouth supplied the sweeper for downtown. Thanks go out to Mike Heath.

A special thanks to Skip Thompson for his hard work and efforts in maintaining our cemeteries which looked great all year.

We wish to thank Russell Sargent for his assistance to our community during our time of need with sanding and plowing.

The Highway Department was able to accomplish more ditching this year. We replaced an abundance of deteriorated culverts, put in catch basins and reshaped several of our roads. Due to these preventative maintenance efforts when the heavy rains arrived in April, damage to our roadways was minimized.

Tree trimming and removal work was completed on many of the roads. Wood collected during this operation contributed to a saving on heating expense at the Highway Department. By combining the wood heat with our waste oil furnace our facility stayed warm and we were able to cut back on the purchased fuel expense for our department.

I would like to thank Meredith Ford for their effort in keeping our smaller trucks running. Meredith Ford made a great effort to repair our trucks and get them running quickly so we were able to plow our roads during the winter months when they were needed most.

I am very proud to be part of the Highway's dedicated crew - Bobby, Dennis, Lewie and Skip and would like to thank them and their family for their commitment to the Town of Holderness.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Furmanick

RECREATION REPORT

2007 A Year in Review. Phew, it was a busy one.

It is important to start out by saying that Holderness Recreation is a part time department dedicated to serving the residents of Holderness by pledging to offer high quality, affordable and financially responsible recreational opportunities. During the past year we offered 40 programs and served approximately 760 people in our programs and special events. The department staff consists of one part-time director and seasonal program staff and instructors.

In January, we started a new adult dodgeball program and what a success it was! We had 31 people registered in this program and on a nightly basis we had about 15 people.

February was host to a successful round of kids cooking, pee wee soccer, and our 1st Annual Parent Child Valentine's Dance. This was great fun with over 40 families, a DJ, great food and dancing. Vic and Sticks visited us for a February vacation performance. They traveled from Worcester, Mass. to perform for us and they did a wonderful job, using musical instruments, silly props and audience participation.

March brought the end of the season for our tried and true recreational skating and pick-up hockey programs. Archery was popular in March with a large class of 11 archers improving their skills. We would like to thank the Pemigewasset Fish and Game Club for allowing us use of their indoor and outdoor range for this class.

In April, our adult volleyball was strong with 25 dedicated members. Since our beloved HCS was under construction during the summer 2007, we had to find a new home. Bill Tirone, Principal at Ashland Elementary School let our adult volleyball play in their gym. We found a home from June to September when we were able to return to HCS. We would like to say thank you to Bill and his staff for letting us in last summer. Also in April Marcus Gale entertained us during school vacation week and many kids and parents were able to sing along, dance and wiggle to his songs.

Starting in May, our Early Bird Exercise and Summer Day Camp were also looking for new homes for the 2007 summer. Fire Chief, Dick Mardin opened the doors to the Fire Safety building for the early morning crew. The

early birds were able to run their exercise program at the Holderness Fire Safety building from June until September, when they also returned to the Holderness Central School.

In June, the Summer Day Camp was relocated to the campus of the Holderness School due to the construction project at the Holderness Central School. We found a home in the Nordic House and loved it. We would like to thank the Holderness School Administration and staff for taking us in last summer, without their generosity, our program may not have run. This was a great summer for the day camp as Ann Barney returned with Will Abbott & Katie Jones. Our two new staff members were Casey Barney and Kierin Williams. Everyone did a great job and we had the highest numbers that we have had in 3 years, way to go!

July brought news that we were the recipients of a grant in the amount of \$254 from the HNHFoundation. These funds were used to purchase pedometers and a few other fitness items to be used in programs that focus on kid's fitness, healthy choices and physical activity. The pedometers will primarily be used by the summer camp kids in a program to track their steps to better health. Also in July, we had another successful round of swim lessons. Joyce Warburton returned and taught lessons to a record number of 39 kids.

September and October gave time to reflect on all of the other programs that we offered this year including Beginner Sewing, a Ukrainian Egg craft class, Scrap booking, a Parents Night Out, Mixed Media, Jewelry Making for adults and kids, Embroidery classes, Quilting, Hiking and a Walk to NY program. We also offered a workshop called Empowering Parents as Their Children's First Teachers. It was a workshop for parents of children birth to 5 years old and included suggestions of books to read to your child, ideas for making books come alive through songs and games, a bag of take home activities and simple low budget ways for you and your child to play and learn together.

Don't forget that we have a separate account for scholarship money to allow families in need to participate in our programs. We accept monetary donations into this account to be applied to program scholarships, equipment purchases and to offer special programming. We would like to thank the Squam Valley Masonic Association for donating their penny jar collections (in memory of "Brownie") to this account twice this season. We were able to help out several families this season and give 2 camp

Scholarships to the Holderness Central School Holiday Fair auction for the 2007 season. If you know of a family that may benefit from a program scholarship, please have them give the office a call. Every little bit helps and if you are interested in contributing, please contact the recreation office.

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This report would not be complete without saying thank you to those that really help keep this department running. We would like to thank Camp Deerwood for training our summer staff in CPR and First Aid, William Van Bennekum and the rest of the Holderness Central School administrative, support and custodial staffs for letting us use your facilities, the Selectmen, Town Administration and other departments for their support. Lastly, but certainly not least we would like to thank the residents, taxpayers and participants for continued support of our programs, without you we would not be here. Contact us at 968-3700 - holdrec@roadrunner.com - www.holderness-nh.gov

Respectfully Submitted,
Wendy Werner (Recreation Director)
Tom Stepp (Chairman)
George "Biff" Sutcliffe (Secretary)
Sidney Lovett (Selectman Liaison)
Jay Fogarty
Fawn Ouellette
Janis Messier
Bob Stark

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT-MS 61

December 31, 2007

DEBIT	2007	2006
Uncollected Taxes: December 31, 2006		
Property Taxes:		\$292,795.37
Betterment Assessment:		\$ 1,286.00
Sewer Taxes:		\$ 1,695.09
Taxes committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes:	\$ 8,049,992.00	
Yield Taxes:	\$ 13,019.07	
Betterment Assessment:	\$ 8,314.75	
Land Use Change Tax:	\$ 132,476.00	
Sewer Taxes	\$ 1,709.63	
Prepayment-2008 Property Txs	\$ 209.24	
Added Taxes:		
Property Taxes:	\$ 2,284.00	\$ 316.00
Sewer Taxes:		\$ 729.76
Overpayments:		
Property Taxes:	\$ 17,603.57	\$ 31.15
Interest on Delinquent Taxes:		
Property Tax	\$ 4,356.80	\$ 13,532.15
Yield Tax:	\$ 0.11	
Betterment Assessment:	\$ 27.12	\$ 53.59
	<u>\$ 8,229,992.29</u>	<u>\$310,439.11</u>
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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT-MS 61

continued

CREDIT	2007	2006
Property Taxes:	\$ 7,791,187.61	\$213,781.39
Sewer:	\$ 653.89	\$
1,512.65		
Yield Taxes:	\$ 13,019.07	
Betterment Assessment	\$ 7,878.86	\$ 829.00
Land Use Change Tax:	\$ 132,476.00	
2006-Prepayment-2007 Betterment	\$ 177.75	
2006-Prepayment-2007 Property Taxes:	\$ 4,654.09	
Prepayment-2008 Property Taxes	\$ 209.24	
Interest/Penalties:		
Property Taxes:	\$ 4,356.80	\$ 13,532.15
Yield:	\$ 0.11	
Betterment:	\$ 27.12	\$ 53.59
Overpayments:	\$ 17,603.57	\$ 31.15
Converted to Tax Lien:	\$ 76,831.39	
Abatements:		
Property Taxes:	\$ 3,482.55	\$ 3,867.79
Uncollected Taxes-December 31, 2007		
Property Taxes:	\$ 252,951.75	
Betterment Assessment:	\$ 258.14	
Sewer Tax:	\$ 1,055.74	
	<u>\$8,229,992.29</u>	<u>\$ 310,439.11</u>
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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT-MS 61

continued

DEBIT	2006	2005	2004	2003
Unredeemed		\$56,627.58	\$45,528.01	\$ 164.66
Taxes:				
December 31,2006				
Tax Lien of:	\$83,829.15			
Interest collected				
after Lien	\$ 1,040.49	\$ 928.16	\$16,060.27	\$ 56.34
	\$84,869.64	\$57,555.74	\$61,588.28	\$ 221.00
CREDIT				
Remittances	\$18,755.17	\$ 4,470.42	\$45,002.57	\$115.65
to Treasurer:				
Interest				
after Lien:	\$ 1,040.49	\$ 928.16	\$16,060.27	\$ 56.34
Abatements:	\$ 114.53	\$ 798.12	\$ 525.44	\$ 49.01
Unredeemed	\$64,959.45	\$51,359.04	\$ -	\$ -
Taxes:				
December 31, 2007				
	\$84,869.64	\$57,555.74	\$61,588.28	\$ 221.00
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Respectively submitted,
Ellen King
Tax Collector

TAX RATE CALCULATION

Town Portion

Appropriations		\$ 2,522,164
Less Revenues		(\$1,352,027)
Shared Revenues		(\$ 4,919)
Add Overlay		\$ 75,137
War Service Credit		\$ 54,000
Net Town Appropriation		\$1,294,355
Municipal Tax Rate	1.95	

School Portion

Net Local School Budget		\$3,500,441
Regional School Appropriation		\$2,365,652
Less Shared Revenues		
State Educ Tax		\$1,673,086
Approved School Tax Effort		\$4,193,007
Local Education Tax	6.32	

State Education Tax

State Education Requirement		\$1,673,086
State Tax Rate	2.53	

County Portion

Due to County		\$ 943,524
Less shared revenue		(\$ 2,761)
Approved County Tax Effort		\$ 940,763
County Tax Rate	1.42	
Combined Tax Rate	12.22	

Total Prop Tax Assessed		\$8,101,211
Less War Service Credits		(\$ 54,000)
Total Property Tax Commitment		\$8,047,211

Proof of Rate

State Education Valuation		\$660,281,665
Other Valuation		\$663,642,765
State Tax Rate	2.53	
All Other Tax Rate	9.69	
Total Tax Rate	12.22	

State Assessment		\$1,673,086
All Other Assessment		\$6,428,125
Total Assessment		\$8,101,211

FUND BALANCE

Beginning Fund Balance		\$ 902,190
Current Year Surplus		
Fund Balance Used		\$ 151,200
Ending Fund Balance		\$ 750,990

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK'S
REMITTANCE TO THE TREASURER**

Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$ 404,025.25
Municipal Agent Clerk Fee	9,775.20
Vital Record Fees	1,661.00
Dog Licenses	2,887.50
Filing Fees	7.00
Transfer Station Fees	29,944.00
Beach Permits	3,585.00
Wetlands Application Fees	45.00
UCC's	908.00
Miscellaneous	145.00
Overpayments/refunds	152.50
Total:	\$ 453,135.45

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen King
Town Clerk

SCHEDULE OF TOWN EQUIPMENT

Fire Department

1931 Ford	
1952 Willys Jeep	
1962 Willys Jeep	
1997 Ford Expedition	
1988 Ford Rescue	12R1
1990 Mack Fire Truck	12E3
1993 Ford Forest Fire Truck	12F3
1997 Mack Fire Truck	12E4
2006 Kenworth Fire Truck	12E5
13' Boston Whaler Boat	12B1

Mobile Equipment

1979 Dunbarton Cascade Trailer
2002 Yacht Club Snowmobile Trailer
2003 Skandik Ski-Doo
2006 Premier Pontoon Boat
2007 Yacht Club Pontoon Trailer

Public Works Department

2004 Peterbilt - 6 Wheel Dump Truck (sander in body)
2004 Ford F-350 - 1 Ton Pickup Truck (slide in sander - plow)
2006 Ford F-550 - 1 Ton Dump Truck (slide in sander - plow, central hydraulics)
1998 Ford/Sterling LN8501 - 6 Wheel Dump Truck (sander in body)
1997 Caterpillar Backhoe
1994 Galion Grader

Mobile Equipment

1988 York Rake
1988 Road Broom

Police Department

2004 Ford Crown Victoria	- Unit #4
2005 Ford Crown Victoria	- Unit #1
2003 Ford Expedition	- Unit #3
2007 Ford Crown Victoria	- Unit #2

SCHEDULE OF TOWN & SCHOOL PROPERTY

TAX MAP/ LOT	DESCRIPTION LOCATION	LAND VALUE	BUILDING VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
229-25	Holderness Central School	254,130	3,699,900	3,954,030
228-79	HCS Storage Building	133,360	251,200	384,560
225-16	Pemi River Park Lot	42,380		42,380
231-3	Route 113	42,200		42,200
239-1	Town Hall	44,550	283,700	328,250
222-15	Town Forest Lot	109,500		109,500
222-15	Public Works Garage	191,450	230,500	421,950
101-19	Library	332,110	200,600	532,710
223-11	Pilote Conservation Lot	514,350		514,350
245-65	Transfer Station	105,000	1,700	26,800
224-1	Smith Road Lot	78,380		78,380
No Map#	White Oak Pond Dam		32,100	32,100
101-8	Fire/Police Station	171,720	740,400	912,120
239-42	Corner Lot - Routes 3 & 175	52,300		52,300
252-16-1	East Holderness Road	113,720		113,720
213-32	Huckins Hill Road	64,020		64,020
101-12-1	Rt 113	57,820	9,800	67,620
245-067	White Oak Pond Road	188,500		188,500
102-006	Town Common	512,100	4,000	516,100

Town Maintained Cemeteries

NAME	MAP/LOT	DESCRIPTION/LOCATION
East Holderness	259-9	Corner Rt. 3 & E. Holderness Rd
Eastman	251	E. Holderness Rd west of Vontel
Cox	255-3	East Holderness Road
Merrill	255-11	Hawkins Pond Road
Piper	246-21	Coxboro Road
Squam Bridge	101-10	Corner Rt. 3 & Rt. 113
True	206	Rt. 113 and Pinehurst Rd
Shaw	228-	Hardhack Road
Ladd	205-	Rt 113
Sanborn	222-22	Old Highway South
Prescott	231-	Old Highway South
Carr	220-7	Old Mountain Road

TRANSFER STATION



Susan Buttrick

Scott Davis

Here we are again, the end of another year. I know it went as fast for some of you as it did for me. 2007 was a record year for revenue at the transfer station. Collection of fees for permits, hauling fees and reusable recycled material brought in \$55,368.

Susan Buttrick and I would like to thank you, the Holderness residents, for your efforts in recycling. Because of you, we decreased the amount of solid waste going into the compactor; down from 882 tons in 2006 to 837 tons in 2007 - 45 tons = 90,000 pounds! This is equal to the weight of 22 cars. Great Job!

Here's the facts:

- * In 2007 we recycled 112 tons of co-mingled material (plastic bottles, glass & tin cans), compared to 82 tons in 2006.
- * In 2007 we recycled 1,800 pounds more of aluminum cans than we did in 2006. We baled approximately 7,800 pounds.
- * In 2007 we recycled an additional 14 tons of paper, cardboard and scrap metal. Every piece of metal removed from the trash saves weight which in turn saves money.
- * We also recycled 1,150 gallons of used motor oil which is used for heating the highway department garage.

Although 2007 was a record year for revenues through recycling, we look forward to an even better year in 2008.

I would like to thank Peter Furmanick, Susan Buttrick and the Town of Holderness for their understanding, support and for filling in for me during my time of need in the Spring of 2007.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Davis

HOLDERNESS TRANSFER STATION



"The Tin Man"

Monday	8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Saturday	8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Sunday	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

All items that require a disposal fee must be paid for at the time of disposal. We have containers for the following items. Some items require a disposal fee. See our fee schedule available at the Transfer Station and on-line www.holderness-nh.gov.

Metal Container: For metal products - scrap metal - NO ITEMS WITH GLASS - NO GAS CANS NO TANKS - NO BARRELS - NO PAINT CANS

Aluminum Container: For waste aluminum - copper - brass - NO ITEMS WITH GLASS

Cardboard Container: For cardboard and cardboard products - NO PLASTIC BAGS OR STYROFOAM

Paper Container: For all types of paper products - books, magazines, junk-mail, newspaper, light cardboard, office paper, anything paper product that tears - NO PLASTIC BAGS. Protect your privacy-DO NOT throw away anything with your personal information on it.

Aluminum Cans: For aluminum cans only (soda/beer) - NO BAGS OR BOXES

Co-mingle Container: For plastic containers (with a triangle on them) and glass bottles, tin cans, jars, - NO PAINT CANS - NO GAS CANS

Construction Debris: For disposal of all non-hazardous construction waste. NO CARDBOARD

Compactor: For disposal of all non recyclable household waste. Do not put any hazardous chemicals, plastic bottles, glass bottles, glass containers, tin cans, paper, books, aluminum cans, metal, scrap aluminum, paper or cardboard into this container.

Propane tanks: See attendant for storage area.

We cannot accept tanks, barrels, containers, or any other type of storage that contains any unacceptable fluid. We will accept any used motor oil, transmission fluid, fuel oils, and small amounts of gasoline, provided they are not contaminated and are in closed containers. Please remember that we cannot accept paint, stains, thinners, or other chemicals during the year. We cannot accept Fluorescent bulbs. These items will only be accepted at Household Hazardous Waste Day, which is usually held at in July. Watch for the exact date as it becomes available. Please keep all of your chemicals until then, and bring them to the designated collection site(s). If you need immediate disposal, between May and October, please contact the Transfer Station or Highway Department for alternative options. These options may require a fee, but they are available.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Operating Account

Beginning Balance 1/1/07	\$ 3,283,627.70
Receipts	
Taxes	\$ 8,250,996.20
All Other	\$ 1,201,252.70
Total Receipts	\$ 9,452,248.90
Expenditures	
School Payments	\$(5,484,726.00)
County Payment	\$ (943,524.00)
Wages	\$ (793,780.24)
All Other	\$(1,870,208.99)
Total Expenditures	\$(9,092,239.23)

Ending Balance 12/31/07	\$ 3,643,637.37
Bank Proof	
Northway Bank: 12/31/07	
Checking & Investment	\$ 3,681,387.35
Deposits in transit	\$ 30,428.13
Checks in transit	\$ (68,178.11)

Ending Balance	\$3,643,637.37
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Conservation Account

Beginning Balance 1/1/07	\$1,429.82
Receipts	\$3.57
Expenditures	
Ending Balance 12/31/07	\$1,433.39
Bank Proof	
Meredith Village Savings	
Bank 12/31/07	\$1,433.12
Deposits in transit	\$0.27
Checks in transit	
Ending Balance	\$1,433.39

Trustee of Trust Funds

Beginning Balance 1/1/07	\$105.29
Receipts	\$522,929.74
Expenditures	\$(522,928.33)
Ending Balance 12/31/07	\$106.70

Bank Proof	
Meredith Village Savings	
Bank 12/31/07	\$106.70
Deposits in transit	
Checks in transit	
Ending Balance	\$106.70

This summary of receipts and expenditures is prepared using cash basis accounting and is subject to change by the Town Auditor.

Respectfully submitted,
 Todd Elgin
 Town Treasurer

TOWN OF HOLDERNESS ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 11& 12, 2008

To the inhabitants of the Town of Holderness, in the County of Grafton and the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall on Tuesday the eleventh day of March next, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the polls shall be opened and shall not close earlier than seven o'clock in the evening to act upon Articles 1 & 2 herein; the third and subsequent Articles to be acted upon commencing at seven o'clock in the evening of the following day, Wednesday, the twelfth day of March, 2008, in the auditorium of the Holderness Central School.

Article 1: To choose all Town Officers by official ballot:

2 Selectmen	3 Year Term
1 Town Treasurer	1 Year Term
1 Trustee of Trust Fund	3 Year Term
2 Library Trustees	2 Year Term
1 Library Trustee	3 Year Term
1 Supervisor of Checklist	6 Year Term
1 Fire Ward	3 Year Term

Article 2: 2008 Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: All lands located within 250 feet of the shoreline of any public waters as delineated in RSA 483-B shall not be altered without first complying with RSA 483-B?”

(Proposed by the Planning Board)

Yes No

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: To remove Article IV Section V which allows more than one dwelling on a lot?”

(Proposed by the Planning Board)

Yes No

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: To expand the steep slopes ordinance?” **(Proposed by the Planning Board)**

Yes No

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: To authorize the Board of Selectmen or their agent to issue a Certificate of Compliance prior to occupancy or use?” **(Proposed by the Planning Board)**

Yes

No

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: To change, amend or add the definitions for Erosion, Natural Ground Cover, Sedimentation, Site Disturbance, Slope, Steep Slope, Useable Lot Area, Vegetative Cover and Wetlands?” **(Proposed by the Planning Board)**

Yes

No

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Making numerous housekeeping, non-substantive changes to correct spelling, grammar, and numbering?” **(Proposed by the Planning Board)**

Yes

No

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of all Town Officers and Committees

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote, under the provisions of RSA 72:28,II and IV, to increase the annual Veterans Tax Credit on residential property from \$400 to \$500.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee recommended sum of Two Million Nine Hundred Eighty-two Thousand One Hundred and Sixty-six Dollars (\$2,982,166.) for general municipal operations for a period of 18 months per RSA 31:94-a beginning on January 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 to implement the town’s change from a calendar fiscal year to a July 1 to June 30 fiscal year. Said sum does not include special or individual articles elsewhere within this warrant.

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$300,100) to be placed into the following Capital Reserve Funds:

Fire/Rescue Vehicles	\$35,000
Road Reconstruction	150,000
White Oak Pond Dam	1,000
Transfer Station Equipment	10,000
Municipal Buildings	12,100
Revaluation	25,000
Fire Equipment	2,000
Public Works Vehicles	35,000
Police Cruiser	20,000
Employee Health Insurance Trust	5,000
Conservation	5,000
	\$300,100

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Fifty-two Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$352,100) for the following capital projects and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Selectmen to withdraw the sums indicated from the following designated Capital Reserve Funds for these purposes:

Road Reconstruction	\$150,000
Highway Dump Truck	135,000
Public Sfty Building Improvements	7,100
Revaluation	30,000
Police Cruiser	30,000
Total:	\$352,100

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of an existing Village Sidewalks Capital Reserve Fund to the Village Sidewalks Summer Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. (2/3 vote required).

Recommend by the Selectmen

Article 9: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) for a portion of the cost of installing a plaque dedicating the new Holderness/Plymouth Bridge on Route 175A in honor of US Army Captain Douglas DiCenzo.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 10: To transact any other business that can legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands this ____th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight.

HOLDERNESS BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Peter S. Francesco, Chairman
Peter T. Webster, Vice-Chairman
Sidney Lovett
Suzanne B. Peoples
Barbara Currier

Cumulative Appropriations:

Article	Amount	Purpose
6	300,100.00	To Capital Reserve Accounts
7&9	<u>355,100.00</u>	Capital Projects
Subtotal	\$655,200.00	
5	\$2,982,166.00	Net Remaining Budget
	\$3,637,366.00	Proposed Gross Budget

2008 BUDGET

SOURCE OF REVENUE	ESTIMATED REVENUE PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL REVENUE PRIOR YEAR	ESTIMATED REVENUE ENSUING YEAR
REVENUE			
TAXES			
LAND USE CHANGE TAXES	5,000	132,476	5,000
YIELD TAXES	10,000	13,019	10,000
IN LIEU OF TAXES	28,000	28,418	28,000
BOAT TAX	7,000	7,902	12,000
INTEREST & PENALTIES	25,000	36,055	35,000
TOTAL	75,000	217,870	90,000
BUSINESS LICENSE AND PERMITS			
BUS LICENSE & CABLE FEES	7000	12,186	10,500
UCC FILINGS & CERTIFICATES	500	908	600
MOTOR VEHICLE PERMIT FEES	350000	414,059	545,000
BUILDING PERMIT FEES	2000	11,532	3,750
OTHER LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES			
DOG LICENSES	2500	2,888	5,000
MARRIAGE LICENSE	500		
COPY FEES	1500	2,066	2,000
VITAL RECORDS	500	1,892	1,000
OTHER LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES	500	203	300
SUB TOTAL	5,500	7,049	8,300
TOTAL	365,000	445,734	568,150
STATE & FEDERAL			
FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT	0		
VILLAGE SIDEWALK GRANT			
SHARED REVENUE BLOCK GRANT	9180	16,860	9,180
HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT	58490	58,490	80,501
ROOM AND MEALS	73000	85,133	73,000
OTHER GRANTS	400	14,646	24
TOTAL	141,070	175,129	162,705

2008 BUDGET

SOURCE OF REVENUE	ESTIMATED REVENUE PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL REVENUE PRIOR YEAR	ESTIMATED REVENUE ENSUING YEAR
CHARGES FOR SERVICE			
DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE			
POLICE INCOME	3,500	9,516	10,000
POLICE INCOME-DETAILS	49,000	54,763	82,000
RECREATION DEPARTMENT	23,214	17,346	31,661
BEACH INCOME	2,400	3,515	5,400
TRANSFER/WASTE INCOME	34,000	55,368	59,000
PLANNING INCOME	1,500	1,713	1,750
ZONING INCOME	500	924	750
FIRE INCOME	600	941	700
LIBRARY INCOME			15,000
SUB TOTAL	114,714	144,086	206,261
SEWER USE CHARGES	2,500	2,439	3,000
TOTAL	117,214	146,525	209,261
OTHER INCOME			
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT	8,737	8,315	-
SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY	7,500	10,701	1,000
INTEREST-CHECKING & SAVING	100	5	100
INTEREST-INVESTMENTS	25,000	105,224	105,000
RETIREE INSURANCE REIMBURSE	4,883	4,303	1,650
INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT	1,000	4,648	30,640
INSURANCE-EMPLOYEE SHARE	28,039	21,146	12,955
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	500	1,199	500
TRANSFER FROM CAPITAL RESERVE	227,000	190,135	352,100
LONG-TERM NOTE	0		
DONATIONS & GIFTS	30,000		
TOTAL	332,759	345,676	503,945
TOTAL	1,031,043	1,330,934	1,534,061

2008 BUDGET

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 32:3, V)	ACTUAL APPROPRIATIONS APPROVED BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES FOR PRIOR YEAR	SELECTMEN'S BUDGET ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ENSUING FISCAL YEAR
SUMMARY OF EXPENSES				
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
EXECUTIVE	104,469	108,268	171,054	171,054
ELECTION, REGISTRATION & VITALS	51,548	55,163	95,304	95,304
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	74,940	60,501	96,305	96,305
REVALUATION OF PROPERTY	38,100	43,506	70,900	70,900
LEGAL EXPENSE	16,000	25,532	30,000	30,000
PERSONNEL BENEFITS	282,929	281,072	454,105	454,105
PLANNING/ZONING	10,118	5,846	21,950	21,950
GIS PROGRAM	7,000	700	13,000	13,000
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING	12,768	10,472	19,200	19,200
CEMETERIES	4,000	2,768	5,000	5,000
OTHER INSURANCE	27,000	24,081	40,500	40,500
PUBLIC SAFETY				
POLICE	383,096	385,823	618,227	618,227
AMBULANCE	28,500	31,574	48,811	48,811
FIRE	131,012	130,237	235,090	235,090
EMERGENCY MGMT/FLOOD PATROL	1,400	1,241	1,900	1,900
HIGHWAYS & STREETS				
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS	250,590	265,296	403,058	403,058
STREET LIGHTING	4,200	4,809	7,200	7,200
SANITATION				
SANITATION	196,200	166,554	275,650	275,650
SEWER	500	2,539	3,750	3,750
HEALTH/WELFARE				
COMPLIANCE/HEALTH	27,934	23,018	21,100	21,100
ANIMAL CONTROL	2,500	2,600	5,300	5,300
PUBLIC SERVICE	18,456	19,000	23,335	23,335
WELFARE	23,000	15,495	32,150	32,150
CULTURE/RECREATION				
PARKS AND RECREATION	40,271	37,201	62,441	62,441
BEACH	7,645	6,810	11,695	11,695
LIBRARY	50,200	54,796	130,611	130,611
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	1,030	1,038	2,150	2,150
CONSERVATION				
	2,950	670	3,525	3,525
DEBT SERVICE				
	135,429	125,707	78,855	78,855
TOTAL	1,933,785	1,892,317	2,982,166	2,982,166

2008 BUDGET

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 32:3, V)	BUDGET-TOWN OF HOLDERNESS 01/01/08 -06/30/09			
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	SELECTMEN'S	BUDGET COMMITTEE
	APPROPRIATIONS APPROVED BUDGET	EXPENDITURES FOR PRIOR YEAR	BUDGET ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	RECOMMENDATION ENSUING FISCAL YEAR
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
FIRE/RESCUE VEHICLES				
TRANSFER STATION				
ROAD RECONSTRUCTION	150,000	148,782	150,000	150,000
HONOR ROLL	60,000	498		
POLICE CRUISER	25,000	24,805	30,000	30,000
LIBRARY	12,500	5,147		
HWY STORM DAMAGE 2007		2,988		
REVALUATION	9,500	15,816	30,000	30,000
FIRE EQUIPMENT	10,000	8,466		
PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES			135,000	135,000
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING IMPROV.			7,100	7,100
MASTER PLAN				
HOLDERNESS BRIDGE MEMORIAL			3,000	3,000
TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUND				
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
FIRE/RESCUE VEHICLES	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
TRANSFER STATION EQUIPMENT	13,500	13,500	10,000	10,000
ROAD RECONSTRUCTION	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
POLICE CRUISER	15,000	15,000	20,000	20,000
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CRF			5,000	5,000
WHITE OAK POND	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
LIBRARY	12,500	12,500		
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS	2,000	2,000	12,100	12,100
REVALUATION	9,500	9,500	25,000	25,000
FIRE EQUIPMENT	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
HONOR ROLL	10,000	10,000		
PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
MASTER PLAN				
GRANT APPLICATIONS				
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	2,491,285	2,389,319	3,637,366	3,637,366
NET APPROPRIATION	2,204,285	2,194,271	3,285,266	3,285,266

NOTE: NET APPROPRIATION EQUALS TOTAL APPROPRIATION LESS CAPITAL OUTLAY ITEMS IN BOLD PRINT.
THE ITEMS IN BOLD ARE FUNDED FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE TRUST ACCOUNT.

REPORT OF TRUST AND CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

TOWN OF HOLDERNESS

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007

Fund	Beginning Balance	Contributions	Withdrawals	Interest Earned	Ending Balance
TOWN OF HOLDERNESS					
CEMETERY FUNDS	\$ 12,943.53			658.86	\$ 13,602.39
POLICE CRUISER	\$ 20,600.24	15,000.00	(24,805.09)	1,049.52	\$ 11,844.67
FIRE TRUCK	\$ 57,461.42	35,000.00	(20,338.00)	2,471.98	\$ 74,595.40
WHITE OAK POND FUND	\$ 6,480.96	1,000.00		334.53	\$ 7,815.49
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	\$ 38,093.99	5,000.00		1,961.15	\$ 45,055.14
ROAD CONSTRUCTION	\$ 41,046.84	150,000.00	(148,781.68)	2,362.63	\$ 44,627.79
TRANSFER STATION	\$ 486.26	13,500.00		85.41	\$ 14,071.67
SEWER CONSTRUCTION	\$ 7,301.48			371.46	\$ 7,672.94
GRANT APPLICATIONS	\$ 10,726.62			545.96	\$ 11,272.58
FOREST FIRE EXPEND. TRST	\$ 14,790.35			752.74	\$ 15,543.09
EMERGENCY MGT EXPENSES	\$ 15,751.44			801.65	\$ 16,553.09
LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 18,554.94	12,500.00	(6,869.08)	973.27	\$ 25,159.13
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS FUND	\$ 16,497.61	2,000.00		848.64	\$ 19,346.25
TOWN REVALUATION FUND	\$ 8,177.79	9,500.00	(9,500.00)	433.17	\$ 8,610.96
FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND	\$ 3,262.10	2,000.00		175.13	\$ 5,437.23
VILLAGE SIDEWALKS FUND	\$ 2,198.85			111.65	\$ 2,310.50
HOLDERNESS HNR ROLL FND	\$ 21,224.28	1 0,000.00	(497.62)	1,123.66	\$ 31,850.32
PUBLIC WORKS CAP RESERVE	\$ 102,209.60	35,000.00		5,358.28	\$ 142,567.88
MASTER PLAN	\$ 6,588.01			338.42	\$ 6,926.43
RECREATION PATH MAINT.	\$ 21,519.98			1,095.40	\$ 22,615.38
TOTALS	\$ 425,916.29	\$ 290,500.00	\$(210,791.47)	\$ 21,853.51	\$ 527,478.33
HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL					
SPECIAL EDUCATION FUN	\$ 47,125.65	30,000.00		2,914.41	\$ 80,040.06
TECHNOLOGY	\$ 21,317.37	20,000.00		1,733.09	\$ 43,050.46
LAND PURCHASE FUND	\$ 113,067.30			5,755.21	\$ 118,822.51

BIRTHS - 2007

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	PLACE OF BIRTH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S NAME
January 7	Dexter Kaminiski Duhamel	Laconia, NH	Heath Duhamel	Janice Thompson
January 23	Noelle Marie Beaudrie	Plymouth, NH	Brian Beaudrie	Barbara Beaudrie
March 24	Cameron Paul Cirone	Concord, NH	Frank Cirone	Susan Cirone
April 21	Carys Madeline Pearce Mitchell	Concord, NH	Stephen Mitchell	Joanne Pearce
June 8	Jacob Dale Sanborn	Plymouth, NH	David Sanborn	Lynn Sanborn
June 16	Myles Jennings Rosario	Laconia, NH	David Rosario	Abigail Shaughnessy
June 19	Emily Marie Dicalogero	Plymouth, NH	Edward Dicalogero	Tina Dicalogero
June 25	Jacob Michael Grey	Plymouth, NH	Michael Grey	Angela Rivers
July 15	Lillian Grace Jenkinson	Plymouth, NH	John Jenkinson	Michelle Jenkinson
August 31	Nolan Thomas Galvin	Concord, NH	Lance Galvin	Laurel Galvin
September 7	Natalie Rose Payne	Plymouth, NH	Stephen Payne	Karen Payne
September 28	Paige Elizabeth Vansickle	Plymouth, NH	Andrew Vansickle	Shannon Vansickle
September 30	Brevynn Rhianne Devine	Plymouth, NH	Ryan Devine	Lyndsay Devine
October 19	Maria Josephine Nedeau	Laconia, NH	Robert Nedeau	Kristin Nedeau
December 14	Oliver James Perrin	Plymouth, NH	Leroy Perrin	Shonna Perrin

MARRIAGES - 2007

DATE	NAME & SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE	RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE
February 25	Ryan D. Devine Lyndsay J. Melanson	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
July 7	John A. Amarantes Suzanne McCormack	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
July 7	Brett S. Melanson Alicia M. Bixby	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
August 18	Leaman W. Antone Abigail M. Manly	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
September 8	Norman S. Smith Kimberley J. Beardwood	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
October 20	Thomas L. Hawkins Jennifer M. Currier	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
December 6	Michael S. Grey Meagan M. Stelchook	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
December 19	Billy M. Cobble Jessica L. Furmanick	Holderness, NH Holderness, NH

DEATHS - 2007

DATE	NAME OF DECEASED	PLACE OF DEATH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
January 30	George Humphrey Sr.	Concord		Alicia Sutcliff
March 30	Thomas Farnham	Plymouth	Richard Farnham	Harriet Grover
April 28	Edith Cronin	Plymouth	Clayton Philbrick	Maude Richards
May 3	Patsy Davis	Holderness	Ernest Adams	Grace Copeland
May 9	Brian Howe	Holderness	David Howe	Joyce Harvey
July 25	Georgette Robinson	Meredith	Belonie Paquette	Sylvia Dubuc
July 25	Kenneth Marrer	North Haverhill	George Marrer	Eleanor Twitchell
August 9	Ivis Avery	Laconia	Edward Brown	Edith Emerson
August 31	Donna Somers	Holderness	John Waller	Donna Suethurst
September 1	Edgar Lessard	Holderness	Edgar Lessard Sr.	Lillian Haynes
September 17	Joseph Bachorowski	Plymouth	Alphonse Bachorowski	Alice Kowalski
October 10	Beverly Smith	Center Sandwich	George Moulton	Hazel Nickles
November 1	William Crowell	Campton	William Crowell	Barbara Hugo
December 22	Loretta Arnsdorff	Plymouth	Albert Simoneau	Arie Hupe

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The committee has been working on the final details for the new memorial throughout 2007. The design and location have been finalized. It will be located on the lawn of the Town library and made from a single piece of granite. There will be approximately 400 names on the monument recognizing those individuals who, while residents of Holderness, served in our armed forces during time of national conflict covering the Revolutionary War through to current times.

The dedication of the Holderness Honor Roll will be on Veterans' Day, November 11, 2008. If you are in Town on that date, please come to the dedication of this fitting recognition for those residents of Holderness who served during our country's time of need.

Holderness Veterans Memorial Committee

Barbara Currier, Selectman

Harry Decker

Edward Ford

Patricia Ford

Russell Moren

Sandra Ray, Library

Lyle Thompson, Jr.

Sidney Lovett, Advisor

WELFARE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

This year has again been very rewarding. Throughout the year, I have met and worked with many respectful individuals in our community. Clients come to this office with many different situations and I have worked closely with each client to ensure they receive the help needed. Many individuals are referred to outside agencies and I am very grateful for all the support and assistance they have provided for my clients.

Eligibility for assistance is determined by having each individual complete an extensive application in order to provide an overview of the specific situation the client is in. Assistance is provided for an individual's basic necessities in accordance with State law and Town Guidelines. The applicants that are found eligible are assisted with expenses such as food, heat, electricity, rent, prescription drugs and other basic living and working needs.

This year's greatest expense has been heat and rental assistance. The cost of living has increased greatly as well as heating costs. This has impacted citizens as many citizens have a fixed income or a minimal budget. Even with the help from other agencies, community members are continually struggling to make ends meet.

I again would like to thank the outside agencies for all the support and assistance they have provided to the community members in need. I have also enjoyed working closely with the members of the community to ensure they become successful individuals and receive the assistance needed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Krystal Alpers
Welfare Director

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

This year was another relatively quiet year in terms of Zoning Board activity. The Board heard four applications - two for variances and two requesting a special exception. All of the applications involved building activity within the minimum required lot setback and were located on private residences. A low number of applications to the Zoning Board is often an indication that the zoning regulations are not overly restrictive. The Board is pleased to offer the services of a part-time Planning/Zoning Compliance Officer to provide assistance in the application process and guidance to the Zoning Board.

The coming year should prove to be an interesting one when the State implements the revised Comprehensive Shoreland Protection regulations. With these regulations the State will be playing a zoning role in monitoring the clearing of house lots and any construction activity along the shore of the lakes and rivers.

Respectively Submitted,
Jack Barbara, Chairman
Ivan Bass
Harry Decker
Cyda DiCosola
Tim Lyons
Robert Rothschild
Susan Webster

HOLDERNESS SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

School Board	Term Expires
Jane Barry	2008
Martha Macomber	2009
Robert Heiner	2009
Wendy Mersch	2010
Jonathan Stewart	2010

CLERK

Sara Weinberg

TREASURER

Kathleen Whittemore

MODERATOR

Malcolm Taylor

AUDITOR

Grzelak and Associates

SUPERINTENDENT

Mark J. Halloran

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Ethel F. Gaides

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Kathleen A. Boyle

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Holderness qualified to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said District on the eleventh day of March, 2008 at 8:00 in the morning to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
2. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing three years.
3. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing three years.

Polls will not close before 7:00 p.m.

Given under our hands at said Holderness the 18th day of February, 2008.

Jane Barry
Wendy Mersch
Martha C. Macomber
Robert Heiner
Jonathan Stewart

A true copy of warrant attest:

Jane Barry
Wendy Mersch
Martha C. Macomber
Robert Heiner
Jonathan Stewart

2008 SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Holderness in the County of Grafton, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote upon District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Holderness Central School in said District on Tuesday the (4th) fourth day of March, 2008, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1: To see what action the School District will take relative to the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers.

Article 2: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the support of the ACE after school program. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Article 3: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the previously established capital reserve fund for the purpose of technology upgrades. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Article 4: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the previously established capital reserve fund for building renovations. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Article 5: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four million thirteen thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$4,013,250) for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials, employees and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District, this sum also includes the sums found in Articles 2, 3, and 4. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Article 6: To transact any further business which may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands this 18th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight.

Robert Heiner
Jane Barry
Martha C. Macomber
Jonathan Stewart
Wendy Mersch
Holderness School Board

A true copy of warrant attest:
Robert Heiner
Jane Barry
Martha C. Macomber
Jonathan Stewart
Wendy Mersch
Holderness School Board

SCHOOL BUDGET 2008-2009

MS-27

Budget - School District of HOLDERNESS FY 2009

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	OP Bud. WARR. ART.#	Expenditures for Year 7/1/08 to 6/30/07	Appropriations Current Year as Approved by DRA	School Board's Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	Budget Committee's Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
INSTRUCTION (1000-1999)								
1100-1199	Regular Programs		1,566,238	1,659,334	1,766,883		1,766,883	
1200-1299	Special Programs		410,512	463,685	457,005		457,005	
1300-1399	Vocational Programs							
1400-1499	Other Programs	2	35,845	38,207	45,744		45,744	
1500-1599	Non-Public Programs							
1600-1899	Adult & Community Programs							
SUPPORT SERVICES (2000-2999)								
2000-2199	Student Support Services		222,826	237,075	260,675		260,675	
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services		105,535	110,137	120,959		120,959	
General Administration								
2310 840	School Board Contingency							
2310-2319	Other School Board		22,840	18,985	19,085		19,085	
Executive Administration								
2320-310	SAU Management Services		179,801	180,408	174,885		174,885	
2320-2399	All Other Administration							
2400-2499	School Administration Service		171,079	175,348	188,543		188,543	
2500-2599	Business		320	1,300	1,300		1,300	
2600-2699	Operation & Maintenance of Plant		262,755	294,886	316,137		316,137	
2700-2799	Student Transportation		120,831	120,191	122,675		122,675	
2800-2999	Support Service Central & Other							
3000-3999	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES							
4000-4999	FACILITIES ACQUISITIONS & CONSTRUCTION		80,747	2,371,079	1		1	

SCHOOL BUDGET 2008-2009

MS-27 Budget - School District of _____ FY _____

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Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	OP Bud WARR. ART.#	Expenditures for Year 7/1/06 to 6/30/07	Appropriations Current Year As Approved by DRA	School Board's Appropriations		Budget Committee's Approp.	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
OTHER OUTLAYS (5000-5999)								
5110	Debt Service - Principal		140,000	140,000	237,108		237,108	
5120	Debt Service - Interest		17,325	66,830	87,849		87,849	
FUND TRANSFERS								
5220-5221	To Food Service		172,894	129,001	129,001		129,001	
5222-5229	To Other Special Revenue		43,452	45,000	45,400		45,400	
5230-5239	To Capital Projects							
5251	To Capital Reserves (page 4)	3,4	10,000	40,000				
5252	To Expendable Trust (page 4)							
5253	To Non-Expendable Trusts							
5254	To Agency Funds							
5300-5399	Intergovernmental Agency Alloc.							
	SUPPLEMENTAL							
	DEFICIT							
	Operating Budget Total		3,563,000	6,091,466	3,973,250		3,973,250	

MS-27	Budget - School District of	HOLDERNESS	FY 2009
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Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3, VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriations to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

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1) Negotiated cost items for labor agreements; 2) Leases; 3) Supplemental appropriations for the current year for which funding is already available; or 4) Deficit appropriations for the current year which must be funded through taxation.

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PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3, V)		Expenditures for Year 7/1/06 to 6/30/07	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	WARR. ART.#	School Board's Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year		Budget Committee's Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year		
Acct.#					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	
1490	ACE After School Program			0	5,000		5,000		
INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED		XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXX	5,000	XXXXXXXXXXXX	5,000	XXXXXXXXXXXX	

SCHOOL BUDGET 2008-2009

MS-27 Budget - School District of _____ HOLDERNESS _____ FY 2009 _____

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenues Current Year	Estimated Revenues ENSUING FISCAL YEAR
REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
1300-1349	Tuition			14,900	14,300
1400-1449	Transportation Fees				
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments		100	100	125
1600-1699	Food Service Sales				
1700-1799	Student Activities				
1800-1899	Community Services Activities				
1900-1999	Other Local Sources				
REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	School Building Aid		40,645	44,378	75,159
3220	Kindergarten Aid				
3230	Catastrophic Aid		15,000		
3240-3249	Vocational Aid				
3250	Adult Education				
3260	Child Nutrition				
3270	Driver Education				
3290-3299	Other State Sources				
REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4100-4539	Federal Program Grants				
4540	Vocational Education				
4550	Adult Education				
4560	Child Nutrition		93,000	93,000	93,000
4570	Disabilities Programs				
4580	Medicaid Distribution		3,000	10,000	10,500
4590-4899	Other Federal Sources (except 4810)		54,000	54,800	54,800
4810	Federal Forest Reserve				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
5110-5139	Sale of Bonds or Notes			2,371,079	
5221	Transfer from Food Service-Spec.Rev.Fund				
5222	Transfer from Other Special Revenue Funds				
5230	Transfer from Capital Project Funds				
5251	Transfer from Capital Reserve Funds		35,000		

SCHOOL BUDGET 2008-2009

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenues Current Year	Estimated Revenues ENSUING FISCAL YEAR
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES CONT.			X00000000X	X00000000X	X00000000X
5252	Transfer from Expendable Trust Funds				
5253	Transfer from Non-Expendable Trust Funds				
5300-5699	Other Financing Sources				
5140	This Section for Calculation of RAN's (Reimbursement Anticipation Notes) Per RSA 198.20-D for Catastrophic Aid Borrowing RAN, Revenue This FY _____ less RAN, Revenue Last FY _____ =NET RAN				
	Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)				
	Voted From Fund Balance				
	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		15,463	2,768	55,000
	Total Estimated Revenue & Credits		256,208	2,591,025	302,884

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Current Year Adopted Budget	School Board's Recommended Budget	Budget Committee's Recommended Budget
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from page 3)	6,091,466	3,973,250	3,973,250
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 4)	Included in Above	40,000	40,000
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 4)	Included in Above	Included in Above	Included in Above
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	6,091,466	4,013,250	4,013,250
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	2,591,025	302,884	302,884
Less: Amount of Statewide Enhanced Education Tax/Grant	0	0	0
Estimated Amount of Local Taxes to be Raised For Education	3,500,441	3,710,366	3,710,366

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: _____
(See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT 2007-2008

It is our pleasure to update you on our progress in a number of areas. The Visual Arts Guide and the Career Development Curriculum have been presented and adopted by the majority of our Boards. As with all of the SAU #48 curriculum guides, they are available on our web site at www.sau48.k12.nh.us.

SAU #48 teachers have continued to curriculum map for each content area. The curriculum mapping software enables all SAU teachers to view curriculum for their grade level and subjects in schools around the world as well as within our SAU. This allows for collaboration and active, meaningful dialogue about teaching practice. Curriculum mapping serves as the central connection to other school improvement initiatives such as the use of data to guide classroom instruction, literacy skills across all disciplines, and Understanding By Design (McTighe and Wiggins, 2004) to plan meaningful units of instruction.

We have been very pleased by the progress our students have made increasing their reading skills. Our Title I programs continue to actively support our students. Plymouth Elementary School and Plymouth Regional High School have successfully implemented the Read 180 program which gives extra reading and language arts instruction to students who need it.

Our technology directors are close to making a recommendation to the full SAU Board to update student management software and the associated hardware. These upgrades will make parent/guardian access to student records, assignments, curriculum maps and various school announcement and information readily accessible.

Please know that our teachers and students are working very hard. The changes taking place in education at this moment in time are enormous. We are examining learning styles, alternative education, incorporating technology into lessons and differentiated instruction with the commitment of giving our students an education that will allow students to accomplish the many goals they will have in their life time.

On behalf of all our students, faculty members, administrators, paraprofessionals and support staff, we thank you for your generous support and commitment to our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark J. Halloran

Superintendent of Schools

Ethel F. Gaides

Assistant Superintendent

Kathleen A. Boyle

Assistant Superintendent

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL HEALTH OFFICE REPORT

Updating immunization information is a continuous work in progress. The State of New Hampshire, Department of Health and Human Services, provides the immunization requirements for school aged children. This year we have had a heightened awareness of mumps when this disease was identified in a bordering state. This has been reflected as student records are being reviewed for annual updates and parent contacts are made.

Early in this school year the media introduced us to MRSA (methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus) as cases were identified both locally and nationally. This has provided an opportunity to review basic hygiene and to discuss the avoidance of sharing personal items, as well as to provide MRSA specific information to the Holderness Central School Community.

As individuals we are responsible for promoting our personal wellness and the wellness of the community. Hand washing has been identified as the most basic intervention to prevent illness. The Center for Disease Control defines cold and flu season guidelines, to cover our cough and clean our hands, as part of a promotion to stop germs that make us sick. This includes covering our coughs and sneezes with hands, tissues or upper sleeves and washing our hands after using our hands or tissues.

Barbara Laverack, working with the Speare Hospital, provides dental services to the HCS students. This year she has completed dental screenings and education and provided dental supplies to each student. Additional services are available as Mrs. Laverack works with parents to personalize dental care for our students. Our weekly fluoride rinse program is provided to students in grades 1-5. Fluoride is the best way to prevent tooth decay and to promote dental health. Mrs. Laverack supplies us with individual pre-measured units of fluoride and students rinse in the classroom or Health Office.

The third annual Holderness Central School Community Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for June 6, 2008. Please add this date to your calendar. Volunteers are the success of this program and are needed for blood donation as well as those who provide snacks and those who work along with the Red Cross Staff.

Please keep in touch. I welcome your comments and questions. Please call or visit the HCS Health Office.

Respectfully Submitted
Ruthann KlineSmith
HCS School Nurse

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S ANNUAL REPORT

Holderness Central School continues to be a school that takes great pride in the tradition of providing a quality education to the children and citizens of Holderness. This past year was highlighted by the 2.3 million dollar building renovation, the hiring of a new Principal and filling the Office Manager position. In addition to those changes three part-time teachers were hired in the areas of computer technology, reading and health education. Holderness Central School faculty and staff remain committed to academic achievement and meeting student's social, emotional, and physical needs.

I am pleased to report that the building renovation was completed on schedule and students were able to begin the new school year in a clean and modernized facility. The building renovation included energy efficient heating systems, state of the art fire protection, secure and safe building entrances, upgraded flooring in all the classrooms and hallways, additional student lockers, a modernized school office and upgraded classroom storage including sinks and cabinetry in each classroom. The project was supervised by Mr. Jon Francis, building supervisor for SAU 48, and in partnership with the general contractor Conneston Construction Inc. In addition to the construction changes, the school's climate was enhanced as both the community and staff embraced a feeling of accomplishment and pride in their new school. During the first week of school, the School Board sponsored an open house "community walk-through" for community members who wanted to see the renovations first hand. The event brought many community members to share in this wonderful accomplishment.

When I arrived in July to begin my first day as Principal of Holderness Central School, working out of an office at the SAU 48 building, I was immediately welcomed by several community members and students with open arms. Originally from the town of Gilford, I was glad to return home to New Hampshire where I grew up and attended high school. Arriving from Chesapeake, Virginia, where I worked as a teacher for seven years and then an Assistant Principal for eight, I was excited to begin my new career as the Principal of Holderness Central School. As I remarked to the faculty and staff at our summer meet and greet, from my initial visit to the school, I felt Holderness Central School and I were a great match. Over the summer months, as the school was in the later construction phases and teachers were anxious about returning to school, I started thinking of a way to begin the

school year with as little trepidation as possible. I needed to initiate a coalition of togetherness. In response, I came up with and termed this school year "A Building Year". To commemorate the coalition, the entire faculty, staff and students began the first Friday with school spirit day, wearing identical T-Shirts provided to the entire staff and student body, together we all took a group picture. This is where we began.

In addition to the arrival of the new Principal, we were pleased to welcome Ann McKenney as the new Office Manager. She has done a remarkable job of managing the office, meeting parents and students needs and implementing our new safety procedures, all with a smile each day. We are very fortunate to have a person of her caliber to assure students, parents, and staff needs are met in a timely and organized manner.

Other new staff members at Holderness Central School include Mrs. Evie Spodnik who was hired as our reading specialist and works part-time with our primary grade students, providing small group and one-on-one reading instruction for those students who are reading below grade level. In conjunction with our reading recovery program, Mrs. Spodnik provides a service enabling students with reading difficulties the strategies and skills necessary to become avid and on-grade level readers in a short period of time.

Mrs. Christine Fritschka is our new Health/Life skills teacher who is here two days a week and teaches all grade levels the state approved health curriculum.

Mrs. Jean Kemp has also joined our staff as a part-time computer teacher. She brings with her a plethora of knowledge from both the educational setting as well as the private sector and has done an extraordinary job of bringing our students computer science experience to the forefront of technology education. In addition to her duties as a teacher Mrs. Kemp is responsible for designing our new website at www.holderness.sau48.k12.nh.us.

The Reading Recovery program, initiated by the Morgridge Foundation, continues to flourish in its second year under the educational expertise of Mrs. Sally Lockwood. Mrs. Lockwood who has been working with young readers for many years is the full time Reading Recovery teacher. She has had remarkable success throughout the year, with both teaching our struggling first grade readers by giving them the tools needed to read on

grade level but most importantly the confidence that comes from being able to pick a book and read independently. The program which provides a service second to none, in the advancement of young readers has become an integral part of the educational offerings at Holderness Central School.

Our integrated music program continues to flourish under to the tutelage of Mrs. Sandy McLaughlin, the former Principal, who is working part-time to provide music education in schools, through an independently funded grant. The program continues to be emphasized in our primary grades and working cohesively with teachers the students benefit from the relationship between music and academic success.

Literacy continues to be our school wide focus. The middle school teachers have embraced the importance of reading at the secondary level and have started a state wide initiative to evaluate our teaching practices and how we implement literacy in the middle school. I, along with the middle school teachers, am looking at effective teaching strategies for middle level learners. We continue to devote educational minutes to reading at the secondary level with a daily reading class which emphasizes the reading skills necessary for students to be successful in high school and beyond. Curriculum Mapping continues to be the direction in which teachers utilize state curriculum standards and how they are implemented in the classroom. Teachers are developing curriculum maps to assist them in looking for gaps in student learning which will allow for increased student achievement across all grade levels. Teachers will be expected to complete a curriculum map for their subject area by the end of the year which will be submitted to the Principal and then on to the Superintendents Office.

In closing, I would like to express my appreciation to the parents of this community for giving me the opportunity to work with your children. The faculty, staff, school board and parents are committed to providing their children with a sound and quality education in a safe and secure learning environment. I would like to thank the Holderness community at large for making me feel welcomed to the Town of Holderness. Together with your support, we can emphasize ensure each child is provided with the necessary skills to become a productive, intelligent and compassionate person in life.

Respectfully Submitted,
William J. Van Bennekum, Principal

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2007

The Annual Holderness School District meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Malcolm "Tink" Taylor. Mr. Taylor asked Larry Webster to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Board member Laura Rollison introduced the other members of the School Board, Wendy Mersch, Jane Barry, Martha Macomber, and Robert Heiner.

A motion was made by Earl Hansen, seconded by Margaret "Peg" Winton to waive the reading of the warrant in its entirety and go directly to the first article. Passed unanimously.

Article I: To raise and appropriate \$2,371,079 and bond same for building renovations. Jon Francis, a non resident, was allowed to speak under unanimous consent. Mr. Francis reviewed the cost summary sheet of the proposed renovations. Lydia Miller asked if Conneston Construction, Inc. had bid on the proposal. Mr. Francis stated that they did not. Bill Webb asked for an estimate on the energy savings after work is complete. Mr. Francis said we will see approximately 25% saving on AC drivers and possibly a significant savings in other areas. Construction is planned to begin on May 15 and will be complete in 23 weeks. Shane Sirles asked if there is a contingency plan in place if the bond vote fails. Mr. Francis stated that the school may ask for an increase in operating costs. With no amendments being offered, Patty Biederman made a motion to move the question, seconded by Earl Hansen. Motion passed by the required two-thirds vote.

The polls opened at 7:43 p.m. for official voting by paper ballot on article 1. Moderator Taylor called the meeting back to order at 7:52 p.m.

Article II: The acceptance of all district reports was moved by George "Biff" Sutcliffe, seconded by Nance Ruhm. Vote was unanimous.

Article III: To place \$10,000 into capital reserve for technology upgrades. Moved by Shane Sirles, seconded by Nance Ruhm. Vote was unanimous.

Article IV: To place \$30,000 into capital reserve fund for building renovations. Moved by George "Biff" Sutcliffe, seconded by Nance Ruhm. Willis Holland asked when the money would be spent. Board member Martha Macomber stated that the money will be set aside and used as

needed. Money in the capital reserve can only be expended by a vote at the annual school district meeting. Francis "Kay" Hanson asked if this reserve fund will still be necessary if the bond passes. Martha Macomber replied that this reserve fund is in addition to the renovation bond. Motion passed.

Article V: To approve items in the collective bargaining agreement between the school board and the Holderness Education Association. Moved by Ed Ford, seconded by Nance Ruhm. Judy Webster asked why the amounts vary. Martha Macomber explained that there is an increase in health care costs the second year, plus retirement on the third year as employees reach the top of their pay scale. Kay Hanson asked how much teachers earn, including benefits. Martha Macomber answered \$31,926 for the first year and \$37,851 for the fifth year. In addition, the school pays between 90 and 99% of health insurance costs with a maximum health insurance benefit of \$15,844.46 for a family plan. Willis Holland asked how many teachers are on the payroll. Martha Macomber replied that the school has 37 teachers. Shane Sirles made a motion to move the question, seconded by Nancy Ruhm. Motion passed by required two-thirds majority, article passed.

Article VI: To raise and appropriate \$6,036,466 for the support of the school. This article includes articles I, III, IV & V. Moved by Ed Ford, seconded by Nancy Ruhm. Ford then made a motion, seconded by Mr. McLain to amend article six by adding \$55,000.00 (fifty-five thousand dollars) for the purpose of keeping Karen Currier at her current position or to retain her in a full-time teaching position that best suits the needs of the students using her Language Arts/Reading and HQT Social Studies certifications. The amendment would raise the appropriation from \$6,036,466 to \$6,091,466. Martha Macomber explained that the rationale for eliminating the position was based on the decrease in class size. In addition, the proposed amendment is not binding as the School Board can decide not to expend the additional money. Ed Swanson asked if middle school students would have the same teachers for three years. Under unanimous consent Principal Sandra McLaughlin was allowed to speak. Principal McLaughlin explained that there are several different configurations possible. Suzanne Peoples asked how much is spent on textbooks and reading materials for students. Principal McLaughlin replied that \$10,000 is spent on library books and \$20,000 on supplies that include textbooks. Willis Holland made a motion to move the question, seconded by Judy Webster, motion passed by the required two-thirds majority vote. Moderator Taylor repeated that the school board is not bound to keep a teacher, to keep the position, or to spend the money. Article passed.

Return to Article I: After the polls were open for the statutory one hour, Moderator Taylor closed the polls at 8:43 p.m. Judy Webster and George "Biff" Sutcliffe were appointed to count the paper ballots. Moderator Taylor called the meeting back to order at 9:03 p.m. The result of the official paper ballot was 109 yes votes, 49 no votes. Article 1 passed by the required two-thirds majority vote.

Article VII: Barbara Currier thanked Principal Sandra McLaughlin for her years of dedicated service to the school. The school board echoed Barbara Currier's sentiments and Principal McLaughlin received a standing ovation.

With no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was made to adjourn at 9:12 p.m. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Weinberg
School District Clerk, Holderness

HOLDERNESS SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special Education Actual Expenditures Report per RSA 32:11-a

	Fiscal Year 2005/2006	Fiscal Year 2006/2007
Expenditures	\$631,005	\$668,502
Revenues	\$ 12,683	\$ 43,852
Net Expenditures	\$618,322	\$624,650
\$ increase/decrease		\$ 6,328
% increase/decrease		1.02%

SCHOOL AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the School Board Holderness School District Holderness, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Holderness School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Holderness School District's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Holderness School District, as of June 30, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 6 through 18 and 43 through 46, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Holderness School District's basic financial statement. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statement are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statement have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Grzelak and Company, P.C., CPA's
Laconia, New Hampshire
December 18, 2007

REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF DISTRICT ONE

By Ray Burton, Councilor District One

It is a pleasure to serve this large northern district of 98 towns, 4 cities, and 5 counties with a population of 247,000 people. The Executive Council is at the top of your Executive Branch of NH State Government. The Governor and Executive Council appoint 352 Commissions and Directors who administer NH law and budget as prescribed by the NH House and Senate.

2008 is the year to keep an eye on and follow the progress of the NH Transportation Plan. The recommended projects in the highway and bridge plan can be accomplished with existing revenue from the state gasoline tax, bonds and matching federal funds. The Executive Council held public hearings on the projects throughout the state and forwarded their recommendations to Governor Lynch. Governor Lynch will review our recommendations and then submit his recommended plan to the NH House and Senate by January 15th, 2008. Without any new revenues for additional projects we will be lucky to maintain the existing state highway and bridge system. If more work is desired than new revenues will have to be voted by the Members of the House and Senate and signed by the Governor. Contact your local legislators-House and Senate. Find them by going to www.nh.gov

This large northern district needs more people on state mandated volunteer boards and commissions. Send your letter of interest and resume to my office, or to Kathy Goode, Director of Appointments/Liaison to the Council, Governor's Office, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301. Tel. (603) 271-2121. To find out what openings are available and to see a list of boards, visit the NH Secretary of State website at www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index/htm.

I have available from my office informational items about the NH Executive Council, NH Constitution, NH Tourist Map, 2007 Consumer Handbook, and District Maps. IF you would like to receive my Monday morning report by e-mail please send an e-mail address to rburton@nh.gov.

It is an honor to continue to serve you in my now 30 years as a public servant. Contact my office anytime about your ideas, concerns and problems with state government. I respond to all inquiries and challenges.

Sincerely,
Raymond S. Burton

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC. ANNUAL REPORT

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln, and sponsors the Grafton County ServiceLink Resource Center and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program and Volunteer Center (RSVP). Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, congregate dining programs, transportation, adult day care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2007, 82 older residents of Holderness were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Plymouth Regional Senior Center:

- * Older adults from Holderness enjoyed 998 balanced meals in the company of friends in the Plymouth center's dining room.
- * They received 2,337 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- * Holderness residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 127 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- * They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 95 visits with a trained social worker.
- * Holderness's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 824 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Holderness residents in 2007 was \$26,376.94.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for our older friends and neighbors. As our population

grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Holderness's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Roberta Berner, Executive Director

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.

Statistics for the Town of Holderness
October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007

During the fiscal year, GCSCC served 82 Holderness residents (out of 345 residents over 60, 2000 Census).

Services	Type of Service	Units of Service		Unit (1) Cost	Total Cost of Service
Congregate/Home Delivered	Meals	3,335	X	\$6.20	\$20,677.00
Transportation	Trips	127	X	\$9.91	\$1,258.57
Adult Day Service	Hours	83	X	\$18.04	\$1,497.32
Social Services	Half-hours	95	X	\$30.99	\$2,944.05
Activities		179.5		N/A	
Chore assistance		5		N/A	

Number of Holderness volunteers: 8 . Number of Volunteer Hours: 823.95

GCSCC cost to provide services for Holderness residents only	\$26,376.94
Request for Senior Services for 2007	\$2,175.00
Received from Town of Holderness for 2007	\$2,175.00
Request for Senior Services for 2008	\$2,250.00

NOTE:

1. Unit cost from GCSCC Statement of Revenue and Expenses for October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007.
2. Services were funded by Federal and State programs 56%; municipalities, county and United Way 11%; Contributions 8%; In-kind donations 16%; Friends of GCSCC 7%; Other 2%.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Holderness Historical Society is very grateful for financial support from the town and our 110 members. This year we were able to provide several popular Programs with 40 to 50 people attending. We have maintained & upgraded our Museum, been involved with community activities and preserved some of our town's history.

Programs

- * Camp Stark- NH German Prisoner of War Camp - Dr Allen Koop
- * Tales of Holderness - Louis Francesco
- * NH Cemeteries & Gravestones - Glenn Knoblock
- * Journey to the Top of the World - Jim Gagne
- * New Hampshire Humanities Council supported presentations

Museum Building

- * Dealt with the many problems of historic buildings.
- * Installed new outside lighting.

Historical Projects

- * Produced biannual Newsletters with articles of local history including The Mary Elizabeth Nielsen Story and Cutting Ice on Squam
- * Hosted the Holderness Central School Third Graders
- * Provided help with genealogy research, when possible on Holderness residents sold Books & Old Maps about Squam Lake and Holderness.

Community

- * Sold strawberry shortcake & lemonade at the town concerts.
- * Provided & decorated a Christmas tree and were part of the festivities for the Chamber of Commerce Festival of Trees.
- * Hosted the Holderness Library presentation of Afghanistan at Home
- * Our large Meeting room is available for Holderness community groups to use.

Future

We are now a seasonal organization with public programs and meetings June through September. School tours are still available in September & June. In 2008 we plan to have an on-line listing of all Holderness Cemeteries, with pictures and names.

The Holderness Historical Society needs more volunteers to help preserve the history of our town.

Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC

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February 15, 2008

Board of Selectmen
Town of Holderness
P O Box 203
Holderness, New Hampshire 03245

Dear Members of the Board:

We completed the fieldwork in connection with our audit of the Town's December 31, 2007 financial statements on February 6, 2008. Unless we encounter circumstances beyond our control the completed reports will be available by March 31, 2008.

Very truly yours,

Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	AMOUNT	LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL	AMOUNT
CURRENT ASSETS		CURRENT LIABILITIES	-
MVSB - GENERAL	0	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	0
MVSB - CONSERVATION	1,433	PAYROLL TAX LIABILITY	0
MVSB - TRUSTEE	107	RETIREMENT-457 PLAN 5	0
NORTHWAY	3,643,637	DUE TO HOLDERNESS SCHOOL	1,696,987
A/R TAXES 2007	252,952	DUE TO PEMI-BAKER SCHOOL	1,265,651
A/R TAXES 2008	209	ACCRUED PAYROLL	(645)
CURRENT LAND USE	0	DEFERRED TAX REVENUE	0
SEWER RENT RECEIVABLE	1,056	DUE TO OTHER FUNDS	6,873
ALLOWANCE FOR UNCOLLECTIBLE	(5,936)	RECREATION DEPT-SCHOLARSHIP FUND	2675
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	258		
LIEN FOR THE ELDERLY RECEIVABLE	15,976	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	2,971,59
ALLOWANCE FOR ELDERLY LIENS	(16,152)		
TAX LIENS RECEIVABLE	116,318	TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,971,591
ALLOWANCE FOR UNCOLLECTIBLE	(5,064)		
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	0	CAPITAL	
		FUND BALANCE	799,409
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	4,004,376	RETAINED EARNINGS	123,436
		NET INCOME	114,557
OTHER ASSETS			
TAX DEEDED PROPERTY - RESALE	4,617	TOTAL CAPITAL	1,037,402
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	4,617		
TOTAL ASSETS	4,008,993	TOTAL LIABILITIES & CAPITAL	4,008,993

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

2006 - 2007 (FY-07)

The Lakes Region continues to grow and evolve. Homes and businesses have expanded along major roadways, and many of our communities have experienced dramatic changes. This growth has resulted in a number of regional challenges. The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is an organization established to provide area communities with the capability to respond to and shape the pressures of growth in a purposeful way. With a service area covering over 1,200 square miles in Belknap, Carroll, Grafton and Merrimack Counties, the LRPC provides a wide range of planning services to member municipalities. The Commission offers direct and support services including technical assistance, geographic information systems, transportation planning, land use, environmental planning, hazard planning and economic development. Local, state, and federal resources primarily fund the LRPC. We are contacted several times daily for answers to local and statewide issues. We also maintain a regular dialogue with state agencies as a resource for the entire Lakes Region. Our goal remains to provide support, knowledge, and leadership to the governments, businesses, and citizens of the Lakes Region.

Listed below are some of the services performed on behalf of the Town of Holderness and the region in the past fiscal year:

- * Completed and distributed the 2007 Development Activity in the Lakes Region report on the Lakes Region residential and commercial development trends. Prepared and distributed a new development survey for 2007-2008.
- * Planned and coordinated the 21st annual household hazardous waste collection in the Lakes Region. Two consecutive Saturdays were designated as collection days for 24 participating communities. An estimated 20,000 total gallons of waste were collected, containerized, and transported to EPA approved end-of-life locations around the country.
- * In cooperation with area communities, developed an update of the top regional transportation priorities and submitted it to the NHDOT as required by state statute. Continuously to advocate for needed projects.
- * Convened several meetings of the LRPC Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to enhance local involvement in transportation planning and project development. The TAC advises the LRPC on transportation projects of regional significance.
- * In cooperation with the NH Local Government Center, hosted and organized three public Municipal Law Lectures where practicing attorneys provide a legal perspective on local planning, zoning and other municipal issues. Recent lectures included: Procedural Basics for Planning and Zoning

Boards; Environmental.

- * Permitting: The Role of Local Officials; and Road Access and the Municipal Planning Process.

- * Secured funding from the NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) to assist local communities with the preparation of all hazard management plans.

- * Awarded \$50,000 from the U.S. Economic Development Administration to prepare a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Lakes Region. A completed CEDS will provide communities with improved access to EDA funding for infrastructure and economic development projects, a benefit not currently available.

- * Conducted over 160 traffic counts around the region, in cooperation with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (DOT). LRPC is also preparing and updating local road inventories, on a town-by-town basis, that will be used by the DOT.

- * Convened six Commission meetings, which featured a diverse range of topics ranging from: a Legislative Night which featured a broad array of proposed legislation, including implementation of a new woodland buffer provisions in shoreland areas, expanding job creation incentives in the LRPC area, swim lines in public waters, and promoting agritourism; presentations on climate challenges including global warming and the effects on NH resources and economy as well as opportunities presented by climate change; an update of LRPC's Regional Goals and Objectives which was accomplished with discussions and recommendations over the four area meetings and adoption in September of this year; an amendment to the Standing Rules and Procedures for the LRPC Transportation Advisory Committee; and an opportunity to exchange viewpoints and make recommendations for amendments to the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act (CSPA).

- * Continue to represent the region on several boards and committees related to the economic and environmental well-being of the region, e.g., the Belknap County Economic Development Council, the Grafton County Economic Development Council, the Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee, etc.

- * Reviewed project proposals through the NH Intergovernmental Review Agreement that provides the region and local communities an opportunity to respond to applications seeking state and federal aid. LRPC reviewed many proposals having a combined investment total greater than \$131 million in the Lakes Region.

- * Held a hands-on GIS workshop for local officials on the use of GIS.

- * Authored and presented a model steep slope ordinance for use by

municipalities interested in preserving steep slopes, in cooperation with the NH Department of Environmental Services.

- * Continue to represent the region at meetings of the Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Facility in order to explore the ways and means that the facility may encourage other communities to participate.

- * Completed an inventory of age restricted housing in New Hampshire in cooperation with the NH Housing Finance Authority.

- * Completed a School Enrollment Study which showed that the number of school-aged children generated from new single family housing is declining in both NH and the Lakes Region.

- * Conducted the Granite Municipal GIS Survey in cooperation with the UNH Complex Systems Research Institute.

- * Ordered and distributed many copies of the NH Planning and Land Use Regulation books to member planning boards at considerable savings.

- * Completed the final version of the Master Plan and provided an electronic copy of all Planning Board approved chapters to the town; the plan was approved by the planning board.

- * Facilitated meetings of the town's steep slopes committee, and presented the town with a model ordinance to be adapted for the town by the committee.

- * Furnished demographic information about the town to a local official, as requested.

- * Supplied the town's energy committee with information about energy efficiency.

- * Provided local official with information about LRPC's circuit rider program.

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

Four dozen flags were donated by the Dupuis-Cross American Legion Post #15 of Ashland and were placed on local Veteran's graves in eight cemeteries in Town.

This was the second year of our changed parade route. It is working well. Starting at the Science Center parking lot to NH Route 113 to the cemetery where a group of school children placed flowers on some of the graves before a service with the American Legion Auxiliary. The parade proceeded to the channel for a service at the bridge and ended at the post office. The Baker Valley Bank played for about 20 minutes while traffic cleared. The Holderness Central School band and Baker River provided music.

We were able to pass out small flags to the children on the sidelines.

It was great to have such a good turn out for the activities.

Thanks to the Holderness police and fire department for all their help. Thanks to all who helped, participated and all who came to watch and remember this very important day.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret R. Winton
Edward R. Ford, Co-Chair

PEMI-BAKER HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE ANNUAL REPORT

Pemi-Baker Home Health & Hospice strives to provide the citizens of Holderness with a multitude of services and programs. The goal of our services is to allow people to remain at home in a safe environment. Important initiatives during 2007 have been...

- * Monthly Foot Care Clinic at the Plymouth Regional Senior Center for the purpose of grooming toenails and recommendations to physicians if necessary.
- * Participation in the Plymouth Regional High School's Licensed Nursing Assistant training program. Provided a six week internship in Home Health for the students. Member of the Board of Directors for the program.
- * Annual Hospice Tree Lightings, hosted by Dresser's Unlimited and the Woodsville Bank. The Hospice Memorial trees honor past and present Hospice patients. A \$5.00 donation to the Hospice program gives the donor a light on the memorial tree in honor of their loved one.
- * Held a Memorial Service at the Plymouth Methodist Church with family and friends of past Hospice patients to honor and celebrate the lives of these Hospice patients.
- * Ongoing participation with Speare Memorial Hospital Wellness Series, including participation in Health Fairs for the citizens of Plymouth.
- * Member of the Community Disaster Planning Committee with other professional community members.
- * Opened Outpatient Aquatic Therapy and Wellness Center at 101 Boulder Point
- * Opened Homecare and Hospice offices at 101 Boulder Point Drive

Our mission as a non-profit organization is to serve citizens of our surrounding communities with appropriate Homecare services. We appreciate and thank you for your ongoing loyal support of our services and our staff.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Lary, Executive Director

PEMIGEWASSET RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRLAC)

By far the biggest news regarding the Pemi in 2007 is the set of changes made to the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act RSA 483-B (CSPA). This was the culmination of a major effort on the part of the NH Legislature which began in February, 2006, with the establishment of a 24-member Study Commission chartered to review how effectively existing law was dealing with the water quality implications of dramatic increase in growth and development along New Hampshire's lakes, ponds, and rivers. PRLAC actively supported the Study Commission's recommendations by submitting position papers to the House Committee (Resource, Recreation, & Development) and later testifying before the Energy, Environment, & Economic Development Committee of the Senate. Key changes to CSPA offers enhanced protection in the following areas effective in April 1, 2008:

- The Pemi is now protected by CSPA
- A change in the way rivers are classified will add 1,391 stream miles to CSPA. This represents 14% of NH river miles
- Provides for minimum 50' setback of primary and secondary structures
- Changes the way "buffers" will be managed (introduces point system)
- Provides for flexible management in critical area of Impervious Surfaces
- Will require a state permit for development taking place within 250' of the river

In 2008 the committee will focus its effort on 3-4 areas. 1) Outreach assist in implementation of new CSPA; 2) Developing criteria/process for identifying high priority conservation opportunities; 3) Identifying sections of Pemi in need of erosion mitigation; and 4) control of the milfoil invasion.

Our ongoing activities include reviewing all wetland permit applications impacting the river corridor, making change recommendations where appropriate. We continue water testing at several sites on the Pemi as well as a single site on the Smith and Mad Rivers. The river continues to meet established Class B water quality standards, however, unsafe E coli levels have been noted in the Thornton area after significant precipitation. Polluted surface runoff is the most likely source. In 2007, working in conjunction with the Department of Environmental Services, we completed GPS mapping of major milfoil problem areas and the most likely sources of our problem (Squam River and Pemigewasset Lake). We continue to meet on the last Tuesday of the month at Boyd Hall on the PSU Campus. We often feature a speaker on topics of interest to river communities (Ground Water Sustainability & Management, Instream Flow Rules pilot results; CSPA issues, etc. The public is encouraged to attend.

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdf.org.

Fire activity was very busy during the spring of 2007, particularly late April into early May. As the forests and fields greened up in later May the fire danger decreased. However, a very dry late summer created very high fire danger again from August into September, with fire danger reaching very high on Labor day weekend. Even with the dry conditions, the acreage burned was less than half that of 2006. The largest forest fire during 2007 season burned approximately 26 acres on the side of Wantasriquet Mountain in Chesterfield during the month of May. Our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers is credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during 2007 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more then just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2007 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 8, 2007)

(figures do not include fires on the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS

County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	30	95
Carroll	11	53
Cheshire	44	36
Coos	6	15
Grafton	4	30
Hillsborough	61	71
Merrimack	16	73
Rockingham	16	22
Strafford	19	32
Sullivan	5	10

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

		Total Fires	Total Acres
Arson	5	2007 437	212
Debris	197	2006 500	473
Campfire	38	2005 546	174
Children	22	2004 482	147
Smoking	41	2003 374	100
Railroad	5		
Equipment	3		
Lightning	7		
Misc.*	119		

(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

SQUAM LAKES CONSERVATION SOCIETY

The Squam Lakes Conservation Society SLCS is a land preservation and conservation organization dedicated to the protection of the Squam Lake watershed's natural environment. We achieve the permanent protection of land by seeking, holding, and monitoring conservation easements, and by accepting land ownership. Our activities are accomplished in cooperation with towns, state and other authorities, businesses, conservation organizations, residents, landowners and members.

The SLCS was founded in 1960. The very first parcel protected was the Holderness Town Beach, which was gifted to the SLCS by Frank Webster for the benefit of Holderness residents. During the past 4 years alone, the SLCS has protected an additional 26 properties in the Squam watershed. Today, SLCS protects 76 properties and 5,439 acres of land in the Squam watershed, including 20 parcels in the Town of Holderness. The year 2007 was a monumental year for Holderness and the Squam Lakes watershed. A few highlights and accomplishments of 2007 include:

- * The largest land owner in Holderness, Burleigh Land Limited Partnership, placed 2,471 acres into permanent protection via a conservation easement to the Lakes Region Conservation Trust and the SLCS.
- * SLCS completes the acquisition of additional 10 parcels in the Squam watershed.
- * SLCS facilitates purchase of a 937-acre parcel lying between Mounts Morgan and Percival on the Squam Range.
- * SLCS placed two more camps into permanent protection via "campstead easements," permanently protecting the scenic and historic value of our unique Squam camps.
- * Welcomed four new members to our Board - - Sam Laverack and Molly Whitcomb of Holderness, Robert Ridgely, and Georgia Smith.
- * Welcomed over 200 people to our Annual Meeting held in Holderness at the Burleigh Barn.
- * Hired Joan Turley as our first Stewardship Coordinator.
- * Enhanced our mapping capabilities with the latest in GPS and GIS technology.

As "Squam's Land Trust," we are stewards of one of New Hampshire's most pristine and breathtaking natural resources. In 2007, 20% of Squam's land was permanently protected. We rely totally on volunteers to monitor each and every property that we protect. We welcome everyone willing to help us in keeping Squam a special place. Our full time, professional staff is ready to assist and answer any questions about land conservation. For more information on SLCS and our 2008 projects, log on to our website (www.squamlakes.com) or call Alicia Abbott or Roger Larochelle at 968-7900.

SQUAM LAKES NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER

The Squam Lakes Natural Science Center (SLNSC) is a non-profit environmental education organization founded in 1966. SLNSC's mission is to advance understanding of ecology by exploring New Hampshire's natural world. Using the outdoors as a classroom and live native New Hampshire animals as teaching ambassadors, SLNSC programs and exhibits teach the ecological concepts of adaptations, populations, interrelationships, and habitats in meaningful and memorable ways.

At SLNSC's 200-acre natural site in Holderness, visitors may tour three miles of self-guided trails from May 1 to November 1 featuring: 1) the 3/4-mile Gephart Exhibit Trail displaying native wildlife in woodland enclosures and buildings with hands-on interactive exhibits; 2) the Ecotone Trail, a 2/3-mile track along a forest and field edge; 3) the Mt. Fayal Trail, a 1-mile loop to the top of a small mountain with a view of Squam Lake; and 4) the Forest Trail, a 2/3-mile trail demonstrating forest management and ecology. Kirkwood Gardens, showing how plants attract birds and butterflies, is free to the public. Staff naturalists present natural history programs year-round ranging from lake ecology cruises, to outdoor activities, to indoor live animal presentations.

SLNSC's educational philosophy is that "ecological understanding" is fully as important as reading, writing, and arithmetic to the development of an educated citizenry. SLNSC's many and varied educational offerings provide unparalleled points of entry to the natural world for both school children and the general public, regardless of economic level or geographic region. In particular, SLNSC is the one of very few institutions that has built the capacity to provide quality educational opportunities that combine the excitement of experiencing live, native animals first-hand with the expert natural history awareness, appreciation, and understanding that can best be fostered by skilled professional naturalists. With more than forty years experience in this area, SLNSC has established a well-deserved reputation for the quality of its program.

SLNSC builds relationships that extend beyond its doors and across lifetimes. Our active volunteer program provides opportunities for individuals to become involved in every aspect of operations, with 213 volunteers contributing more than 7,200 hours in 2007. Groups from preschools to senior centers participate in programs throughout the year. In 2007, 16,633 school children and teachers, mostly from Grades K - 8, attended a program or visited. School audiences come from all across the state. Most public visitors are from throughout New Hampshire, closely followed by Massachusetts and other New England states, with some from

all 50 states and several foreign countries. In 2007, public visitors numbering 40,524 toured the trails while another participated in programs, cruises, and courses.

The Annual Meeting and Gala was held in July 28 with John W. Fitzpatrick, PhD as Keynote Speaker. Dr. Fitzpatrick, head of the Cornell University Laboratory of Ornithology shared the story of the ongoing search for the Ivory-billed Woodpecker, long presumed extinct.

In the April 2007, our annual Clean Up Day was held with volunteers and staff joining together to prepare for the season opening. New Hampshire Day on May 6 welcomed more than 1,700 New Hampshire residents for \$1 each. Kirkwood Gardens Day on June 9 brought garden lovers together. Animal Enrichment Day in July encouraged visitors "to come play the animal way." In September the annual Autumn Festival activities included children's crafts, live animal presentations, and a presentation by black bear expert Ben Kilham. Carved jack-o-lanterns lit the way for hundreds of Halloween Hoot 'N Howlers at the end of October. A new website was launched in August with fresh branding and interactive components. November 1 marked the official closing of the Gephart Animal Trail for the season, just as the Howling Coyote Gift Shop's interactive online store was launched.

The year 2007 was a remarkable one highlighted by a hugely successful lake cruise season. More than 10,000 people enjoyed a cruise on Squam Lake between June and October.

For more information about our programs, membership or volunteering, please contact SLNSC at 603-968-7194 or visit our website at www.nhnature.org.

UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION - GRAFTON COUNTY

University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension, Grafton County, has been serving the people of our county in the following ways:

The Nutrition Connections program, coordinated by Robin Peters, reached over 100 families in their adult programs and 200 children in their youth programs. The children were from various Head Start programs; local elementary schools; Whole Village Family Resource Center's Child Care Center; the 21st Century After School Program; North Country Academy Charter School and the Circle Program's summer camp.

The Family and Consumer Resources program Educator, Deb Maes, has worked with a new collaboration in Plymouth that allowed limited resource families to participate in a five-week Making Money Work for You program. In addition, over 400 food service workers participated in either a two-day food safety class or an intensive one day class as part of the Family and Consumer Resources program. Of those attending, over 83% scored 75% or higher on the National Restaurant Association's exam and were certified for five years based on their food safety knowledge. Deb also taught participants in the Grafton County Academy Program nutrition and food budgeting tips, money management, parent education and people-skills as part of their education prior to graduating from the program.

Nutrient management in the production of forages, vegetables and fruits continues to be a major focus of the Agricultural Resources program. Nutrient Management Plans on more than 4000 acres of corn and forages were reviewed and updated by Tom Buob, Extension Educator. Through the use of the UNHCE Soil Testing Program farmers were encouraged to maximize the utilization of their on-farm resources to minimize costs and improve profits. Forty producers submitted 160 samples in this process.

Agricultural Resources programs continued to expand efforts with vegetable farmers to incorporate more environmentally sound management practices into their overall management schemes, including: drip irrigation, individual row fertigation, and the introduction of disease resistant varieties to reduce pesticide use. The use of floating row covers was promoted and demonstrated to reduce the use of insecticides and encourage earlier production of various vegetable crops. The vegetable produce from the demonstration plots (several tons of tomatoes, squash, cucumbers, etc) was donated to various Senior Centers in the Upper Valley.

The 4-H Youth Development program has over 300 members and 110 leaders supporting 23 traditional clubs. Volunteers in the 4-H program provided over 4,000 hours of service in 2006-2007 to support the educational objectives of the program. A 4-H Afterschool group was formed in Littleton. In addition, Kathy Jablonski, 4-H Youth Development Educator, has provided assistance to four community's and their after school programs. One program in Littleton, Project REACH, received a JC Penney 4-H Afterschool Grant. Consultation for grants has been done with several other programs. Statewide training in positive youth development theory has been presented at Plustime, 21st Century and Extension sponsored conferences.

This year the Master Gardener and the 4-H horticulture programs have been supported by a program associate. The approximately 25 MG's have given hundreds of hours of support to the Grafton County communities. Their showpiece project, the perennial gardens at the county complex, has been coordinating with the County Commissioners. In addition, Dana Karuza Tulp, Volunteer Management Coordinator, coordinated the 4-H summer gardening program for 60 youth and their leaders. A series of 10 workshops, open to 4-Hers and the general public, were held on a variety of horticultural topics throughout the spring and summer months.

Michal Lunak, Extension Dairy Specialist, has also been working with local dairy producers on herd management, farm transfer planning, and quality milk production. He also facilitated with a series of bio-security workshops that were co-sponsored by UNH Cooperative Extension and the New Hampshire State Veterinarian. In all, 77 agricultural professionals and 72 producers, youth, and general public participated.

Northam Parr, Forestry Resources Educator, spent considerable time assessing the damage from the spring storms and connecting wood lot owners with the correct agencies and providers. The Tree Farm program continues to be supported, including the New Hampshire Tree Farm Field Day. In addition, Northam has worked on sustainable forestry plans with landowners and has facilitated with certified logging professional workshops.

Northam Parr and Michal Lunak serve on the county farm committee to help to develop a sustainability plan for the county farmlands, woodlands, and dairy herd. Deb Maes, Nory Parr and Robin Peters have assisted the communities of Landaff, Rumney and Canaan in their Community Profile work and follow up activities.

UNHCE continues to provide New Hampshire's citizens with research based education, information and technical assistance, enhancing their abilities to make informed decisions strengthening youth, families and communities while sustaining natural resources and improving the economy. Funded through the federal, state and county government and competitive grants, educational programs are designed to respond to the local needs of citizens through direction and support of the elected volunteer Extension Advisory Council.

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Respectfully submitted,
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and County Office Administrator

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Selectmen's Office - Town Hall – 1089 US RT 3	968-3537
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<i>Open during lunch</i>	
Fax	968-9954
E-mail: Holderness@adelphia.net	
Compliance/Health Officer – Town Hall – 1089 US RT 3	968-2145
(Building Permits/Septic Permits)	
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Town Clerk - Town Hall – 1089 US RT 3	968-7536
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<i>Open during lunch</i>	
Tax Collector – Town Hall – 1089 US RT 3	968-7536
Monday to Friday - 8:30AM to 4:30PM	
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Recreation Department - Town Hall – 1089 US RT 3	968-3700
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Hours varied per season	

Holderness Free Library – 866 US RT 3	968-7066
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Public Works Garage – 62 Beede Road	536-2932
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Police Department – 926 US RT 3	(non-emergency) 968-9555
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